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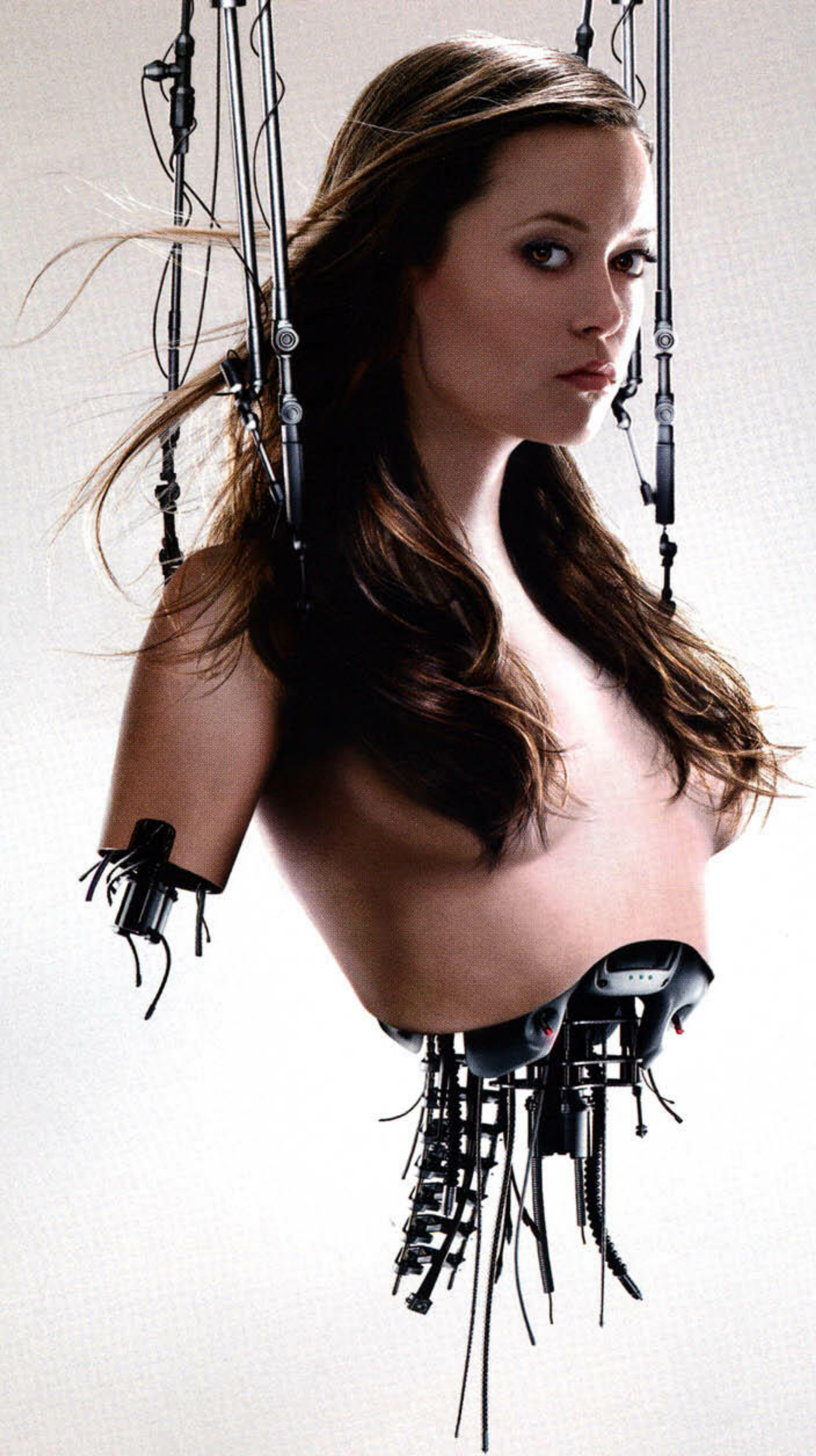


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I made up a poem for MAD Magazine:

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I read MAD when I was a tad of a lad,
Now I am grown up and I still read it.*

Paul Dale Roberts, Elk Grove, CA

Paulie Walnuts — We were enjoying your poem right up to "I wish"! We hope your career is just like Shakespeare's, specifically, the past 500 hundred years when he hasn't written anything! —Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

While visiting the Orlando region this past October, I stumbled upon Sophia — the "smart kid" from *Kid Nation*. OK, so it wasn't really much of a stumble as she lives in my sister's house (she's my niece). While a fan of MAD, she does not have a subscription (I blame my cheap sister). Being cheap myself, I had a picture taken with Sophia holding a copy of the October issue. I am hereby submitting it for a three-year MAD subscription that I will generously donate to Sophia and her siblings. Having been a MAD reader for the past 40+ years, I need to pass on the legacy of Mort Drucker and the "usual gang of idiots" to a new generation. Please help me to retain my status as "favorite uncle!"

Dr. Jeffrey Pearson,
San Diego, CA

Pearson Pressure — Congratulations on getting the awesome snap of *Kid Nation*'s resident 30-year-old woman trapped in a 14-year-old's body. We'll say this though, we don't think anyone who agreed to take part in *Kid Nation* can be called "smart"! —Ed.



KID NATION STANDOUT SOPHIA

THE PRIZE IS RIGHT

I heard that you give away free stuff to people who get their letters in MAD. So what kind of stuff do you guys give away? Is it anything you guys want or do you have limits? I am a collector of your magazines and you guys rock! Please keep being awesome!

Robert Schuster, Niles, MI

Punky Schuster — Good question and we're glad you asked! Each month the coolest, most generous companies send us awesome free stuff that we can pass on to readers. For example, this month you'll get a copy of *The Complete Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* and *Chucks!* Did you deserve these fantastic prizes? Absolutely not! But, as we said, these companies are very generous. Two issues ago, we wanted to give a brand new Corvette to every reader that had their missive published, but alas, Chevrolet was not cool, nor generous enough to provide us with a bunch of \$60,000 cars! Thanks for nothing, G. Richard Wagoner Jr. (Chairman and CEO of General Motors Corporation)! —Ed.



READER ALERT I

Fans of long-time MAD artist (and current Parisian resident) Rick Tulka will want to pick up a copy of *Paris Café: The Select Crowd* written by Noël Riley Fitch and illustrated by Rick. It's a tribute to the almost 100-year-old Left Bank café and its famous (and non-famous) patrons. It's available now wherever books are sold!



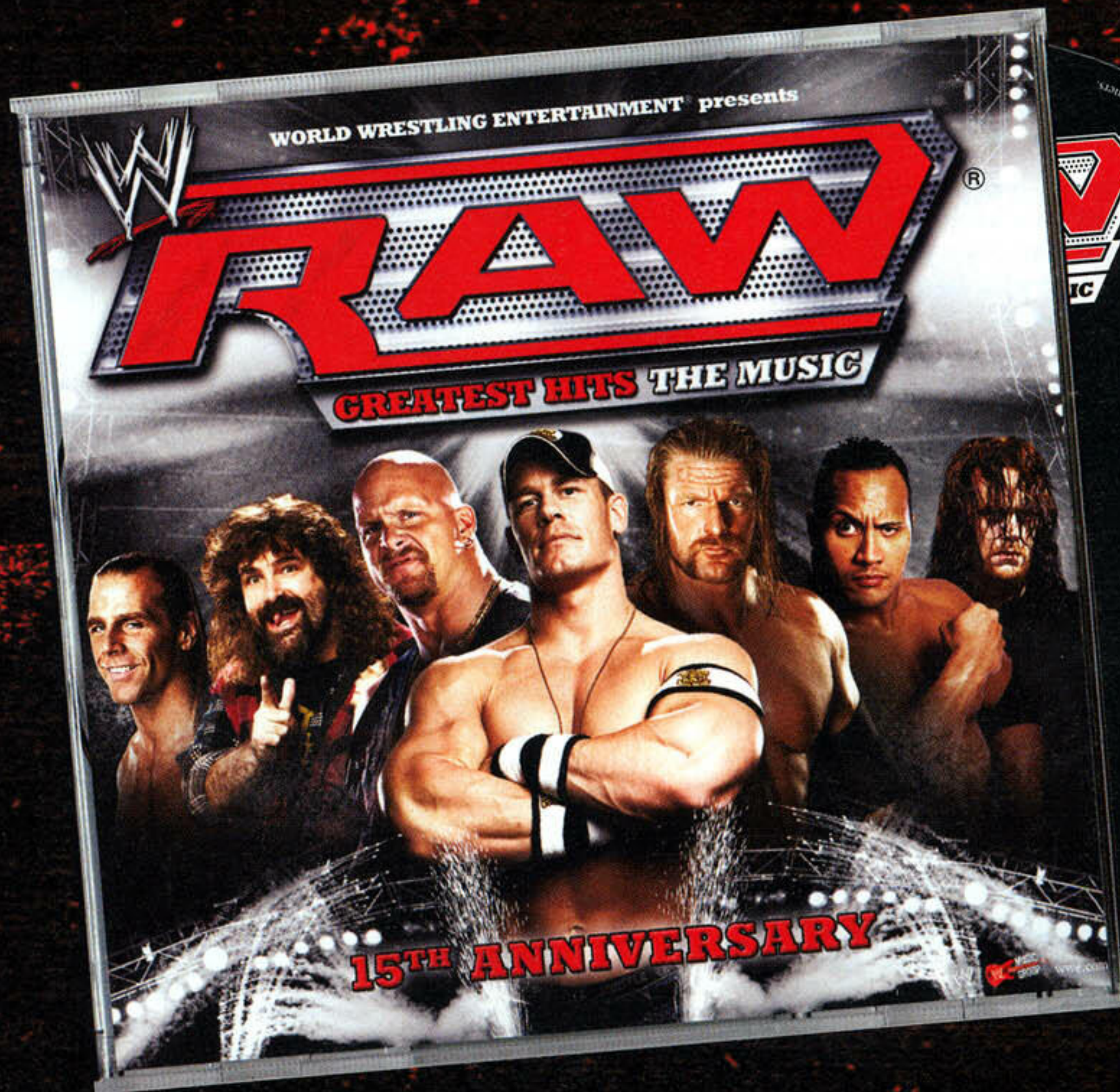
NOT FEELING THE BURN

I recently had to evacuate my home because of the Southern California wildfires. My family had about an hour to pack up and leave. Twice I walked past my collection of old MAD Magazines, circa 1966-1976. The third time I couldn't resist and threw the stack of about 50 magazines into my Jeep, sorta hiding them in case my husband gave me a hard time. When we finally reached our friend's house and were safe, I confessed to my friend that I grabbed the magazines. His reply was, "Hey, that's the attitude you should have, the same as the red-haired guy. What, me worry?" Well, I thought about that the entire five days I was evacuated from my home. "What, me worry?" In fact, Alfred's wisdom helped a lot as wildfires raged through my community. Happily, me, my family and my stack of MAD Magazines were able to return to our unburned home. Thanks to Alfred and all you crazy schmucks at MAD Magazine for helping me get through this difficult time.

Angela Liewen, Ramona, CA

Angela-la — We got many letters from people affected by the wildfires, but unlike you, they wrote to say they embraced the oncoming conflagration as a chance to toss in their MAD collections and be done with them once and for all! In fact, fire marshals estimate that a full 1/3 of the damage caused by the fires was fueled by people chucking in their MADs! We're glad you and your family are safe and that your house was unharmed. It sounds like the only tragedy for you is that your MAD collection survived! Oh well, there's always the next mudslide or earthquake! —Ed.

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GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD SUCK

I suck at everything. Really, I'm an epic failure at pretty much everything imaginable. I'm bad at most sports and my mental talents, are let's just say, limited. Please give me a little confidence and show that I'm at least good enough for your magazine.

Richard Thompson, Chesapeake, VA

Richie Rich — Being "good enough" for our magazine is hardly something worth bragging about. But, look on the bright side, when it comes to sucking at everything — you're the absolute best! —Ed.

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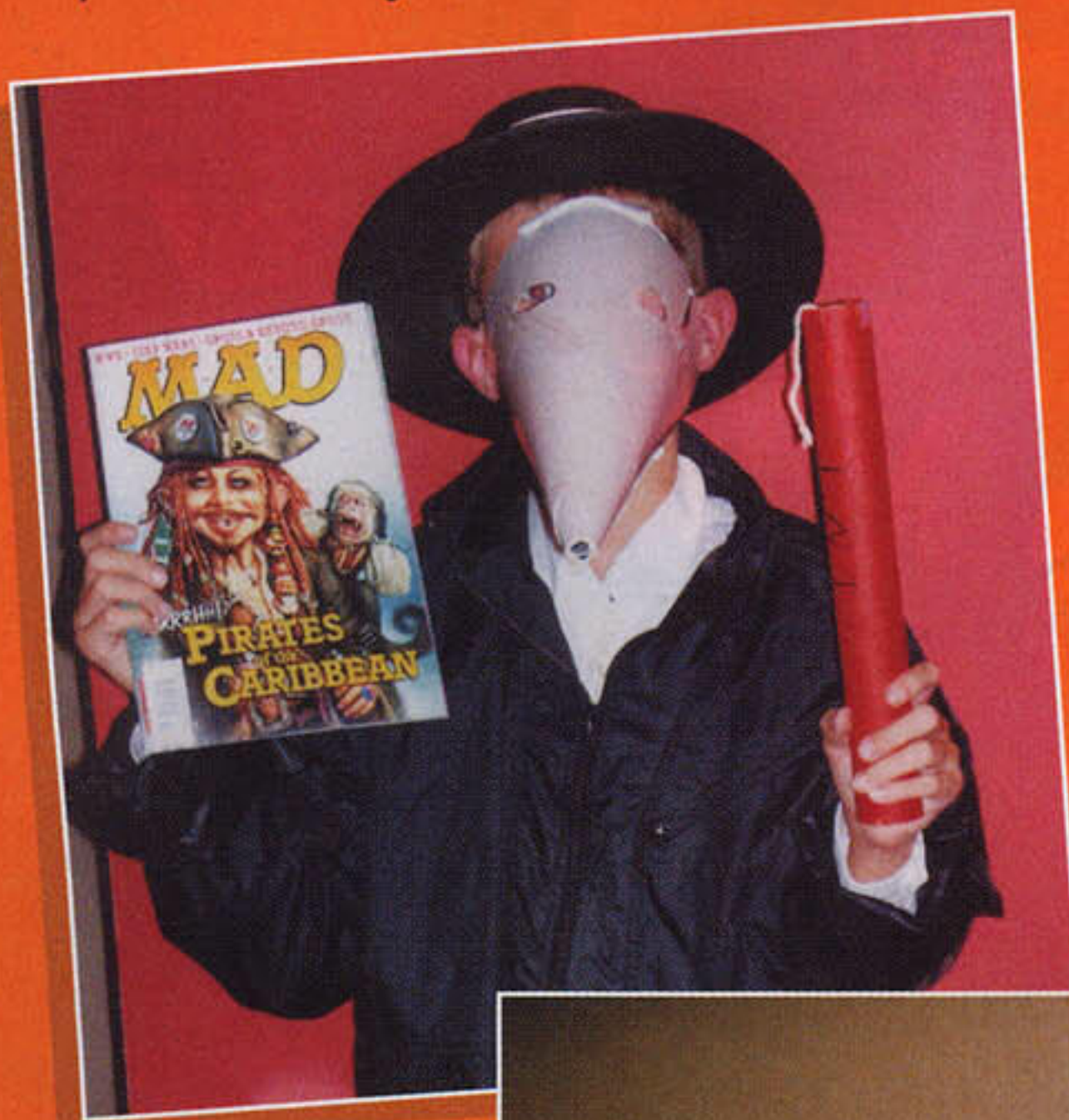
I recently became a class rep for my class. So now, I have to go to some lame meetings every now and then. Then an idea struck me on the head. If I had enough MAD Magazines, I could start a library of them! I could have a whole section! So my wish for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™* is to send me a boxload of MADs so I can add them to the MAD library — what do you think?

Gorjan Veletic, Ontario, Canada

The Gorjan Identity — We think if you do that you'll get impeached from your position for sure and then you wouldn't have to attend those stupid meetings — sounds good to us! We're going to send you the last two years of MAD so you can build your dream library! —Ed.

SICK OR TREAT

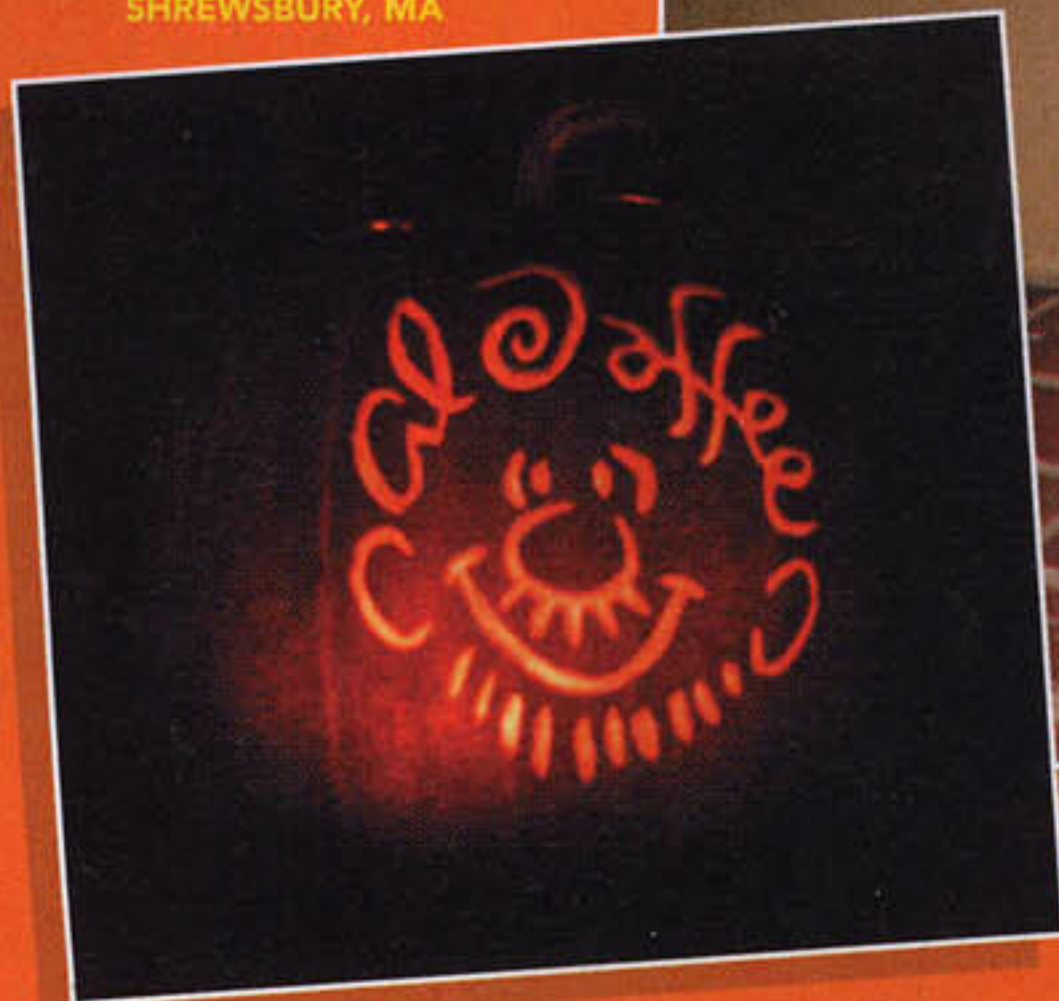
Halloween has come and gone, and yet, we're still haunted by the photos readers sent in of their costumes and jack-o-lanterns. Who knew that the sweet, smiling face of Al Jaffee could be so terrifying when carved into a gourd? Below are some of the best examples of the many we received.



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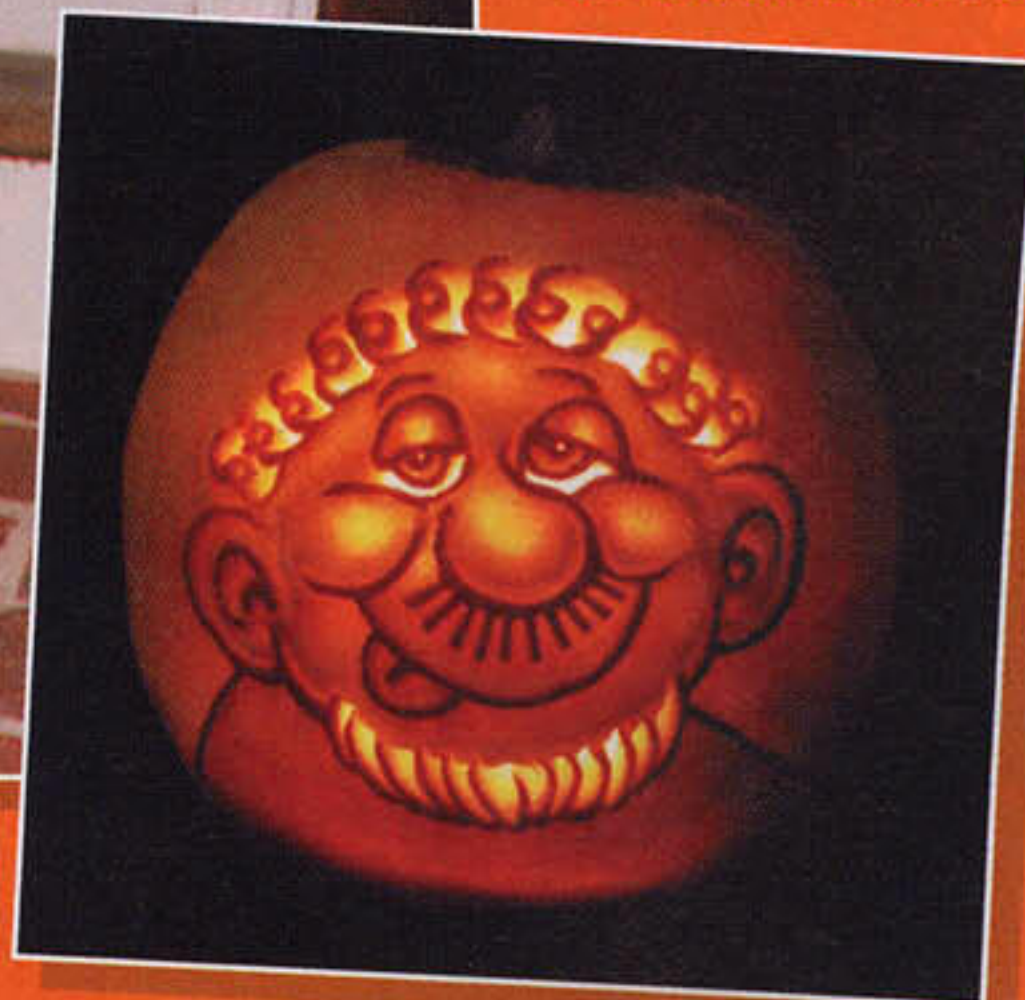
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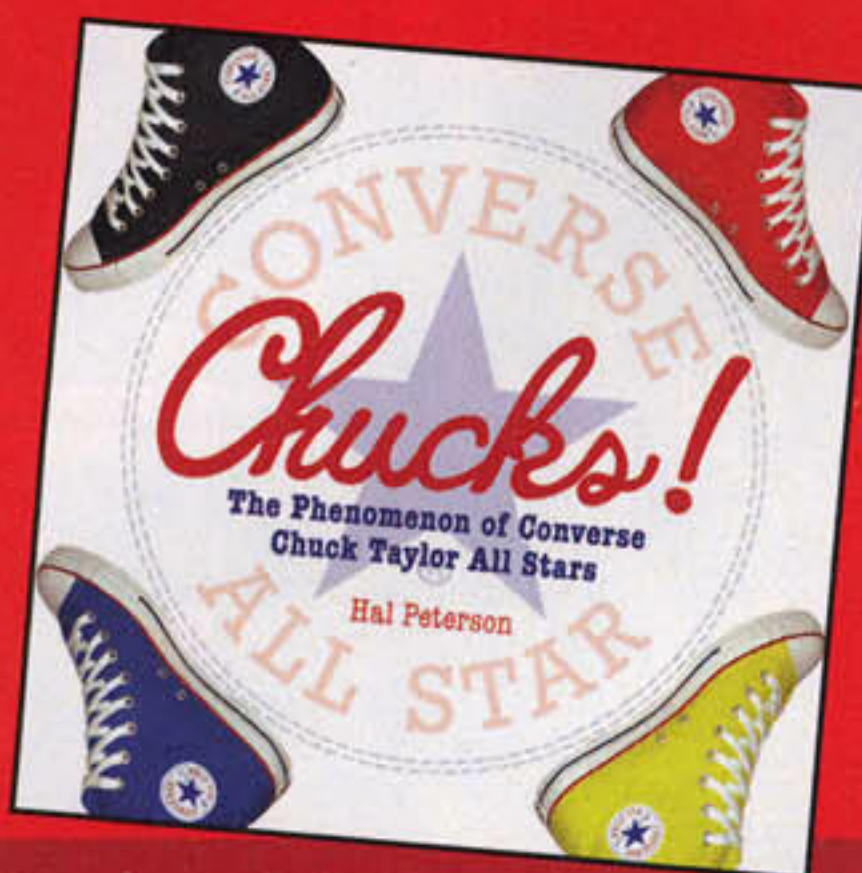
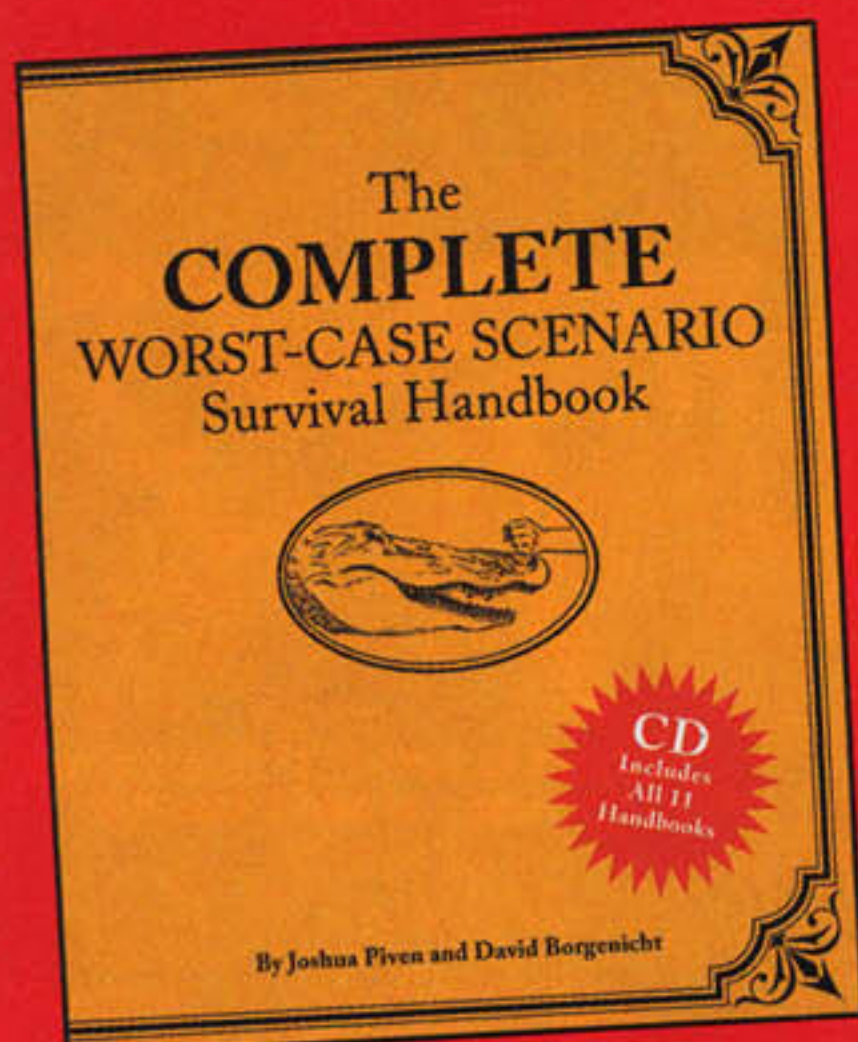
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A GUARD DAY'S NIGHT

I have this really boring job as security in an office building in Massachusetts and believe me, it can be hellishly torturous sitting for hours on end which seem to last for an eternity. But between the logging in and out of people and watching the cameras I can always look to your magazine to cheer me up and make the time pass — especially when I have to pull the double fifteen-hour shift. Anyway, keep up the good work and I'll continue to spread the word about your magazine!

Robert Clemons, Grafton, MA

Corn On The Rob — Hellishly torturous sitting? Sounds like your problem might just be hemorrhoids — we're glad MAD helps, but you may want to try one of those foam donuts and some Preparation H! —Ed.

The Big Easel

This past summer, I was bored since all my friends were somewhere at a camp or their grandparents. So you see what I did to my toes? I drew Alfred's face on my toe nail. How many people do you know that actually would do that? I don't know anyone who will even write something on their forehead, which I do on a daily basis. I also dressed up as an old lady who got into a car accident for Halloween! You could consider me pretty damn weird!

Ashley Davie, Billings, MT

Ash Clown — That's amazing! The only thing we've seen that's even remotely like that is the images of Melvin and Jenkins on Senior Editor Charlie Kadau's big toes. However, those weren't done deliberately, they were formed by fungus! Sadly, the only photographic record of that exists in his podiatrists' top secret "Freak" file! Thanks for writing — we're just glad that winter is here and it's sock weather! —Ed.



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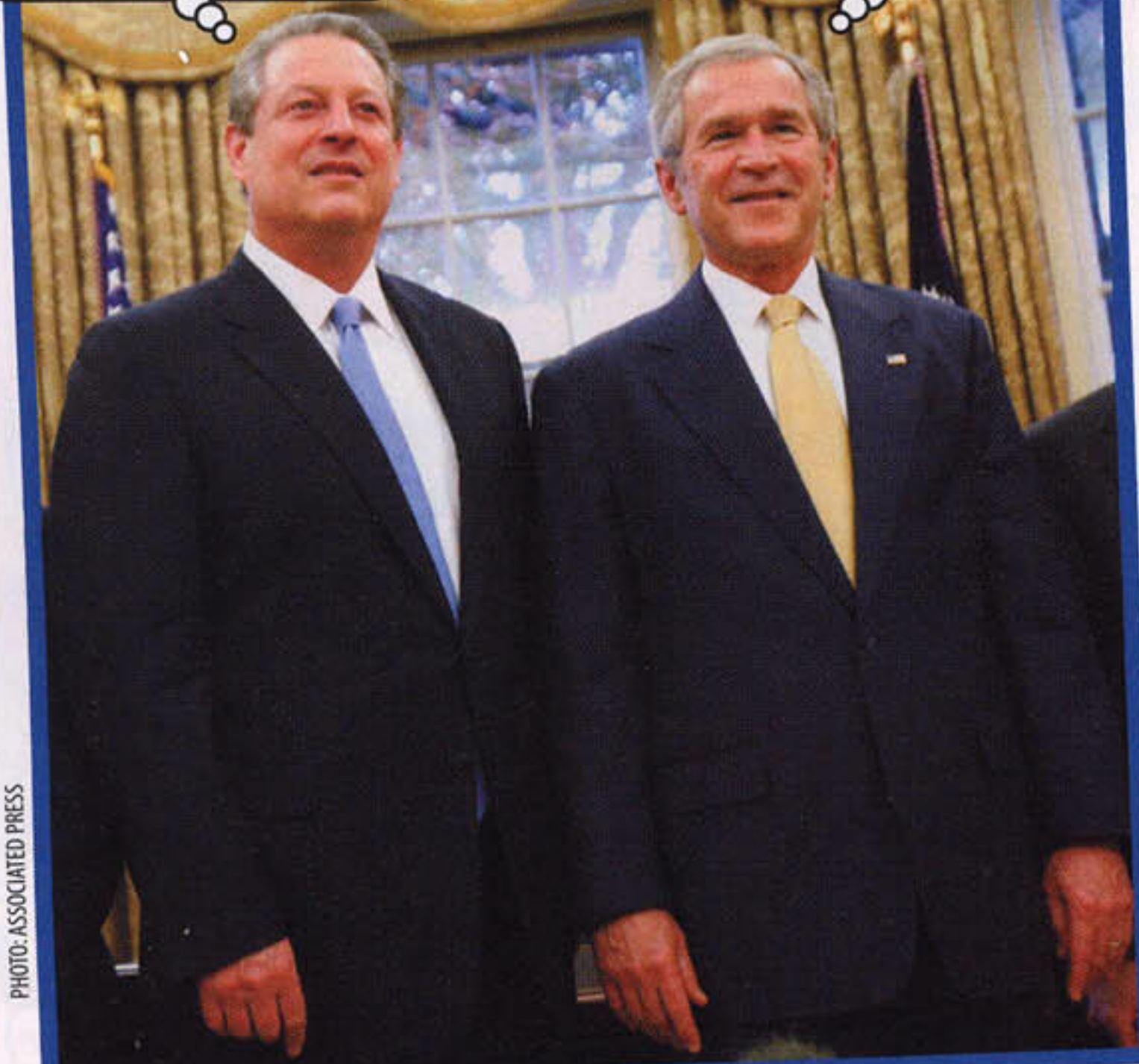
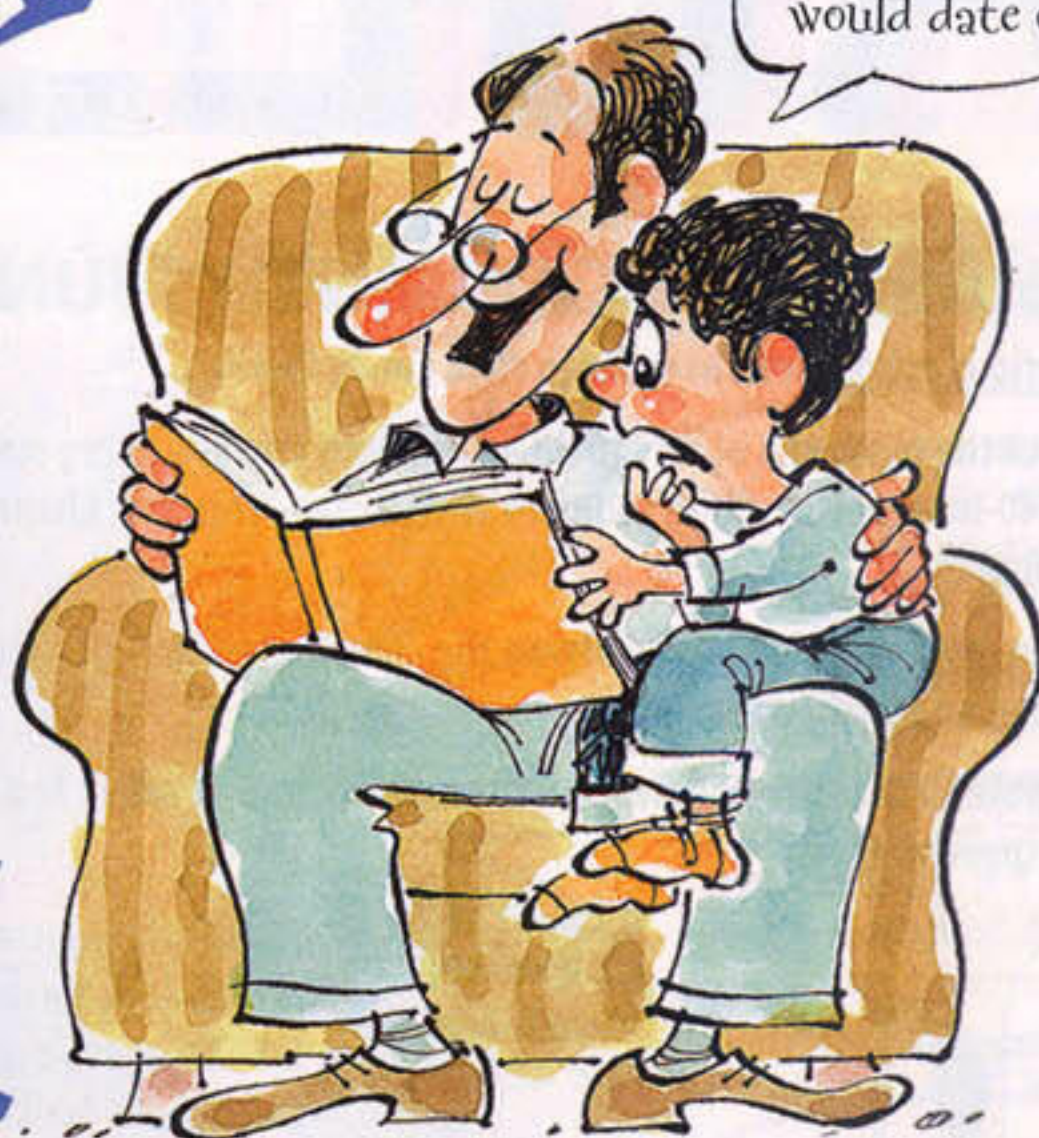


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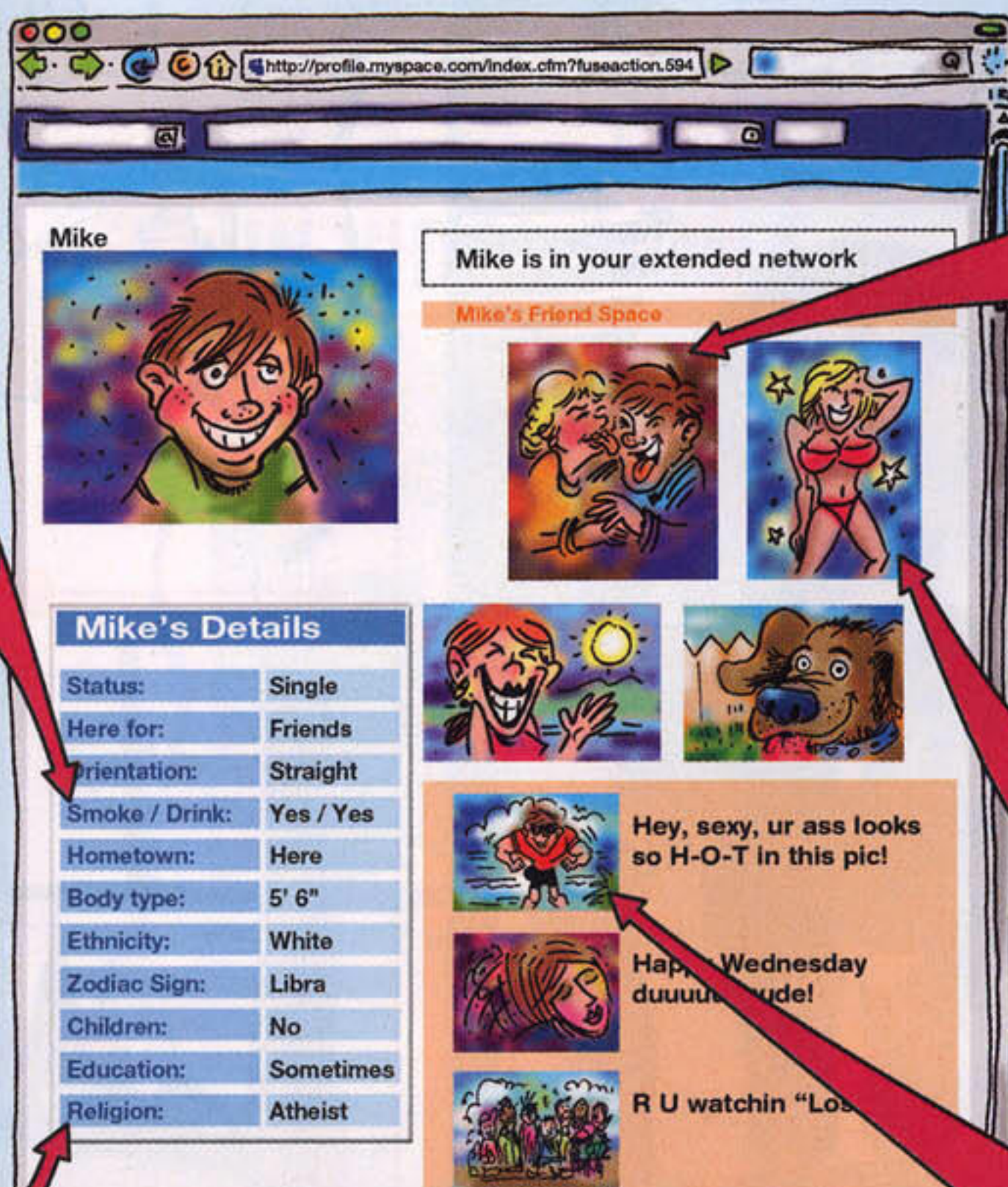
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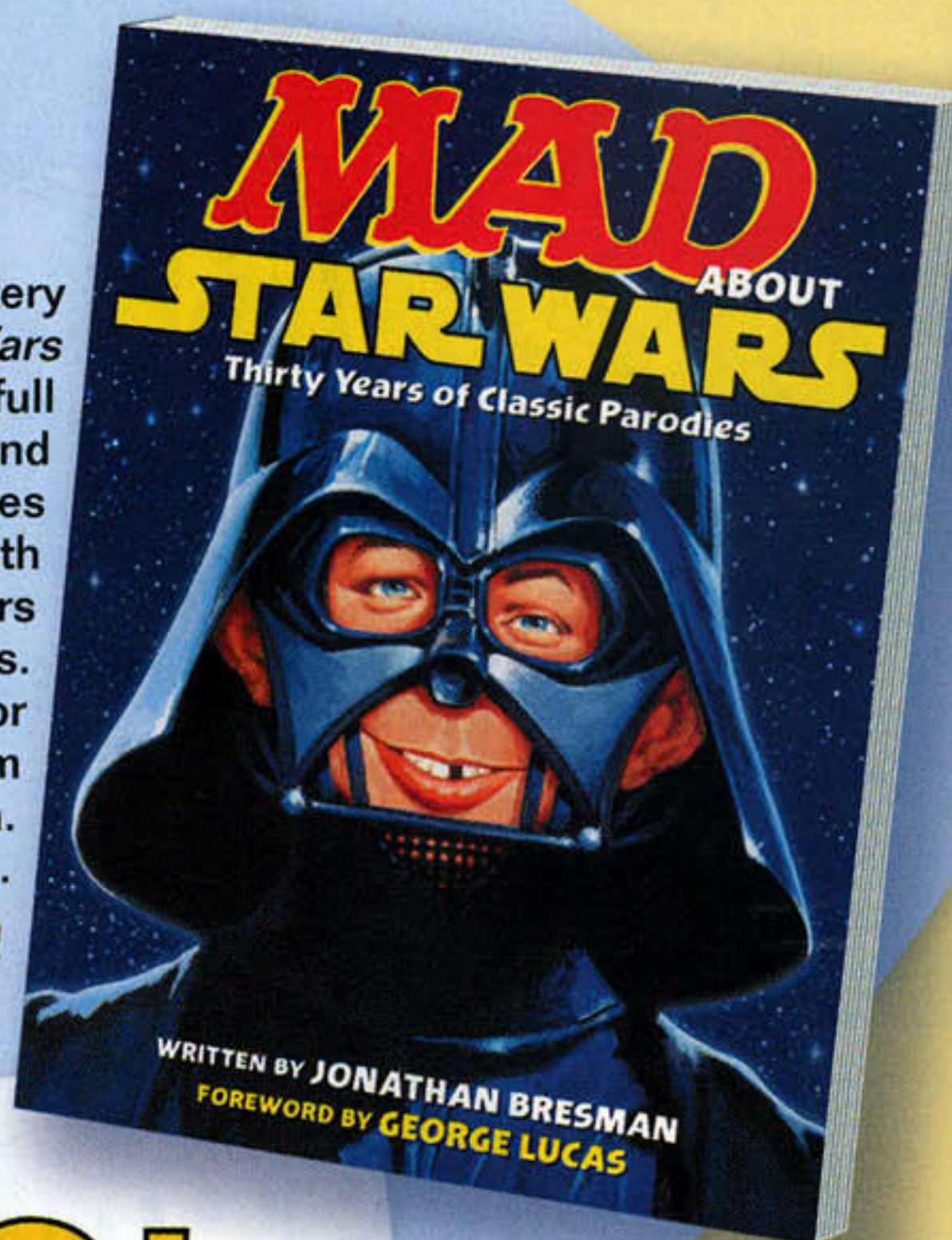


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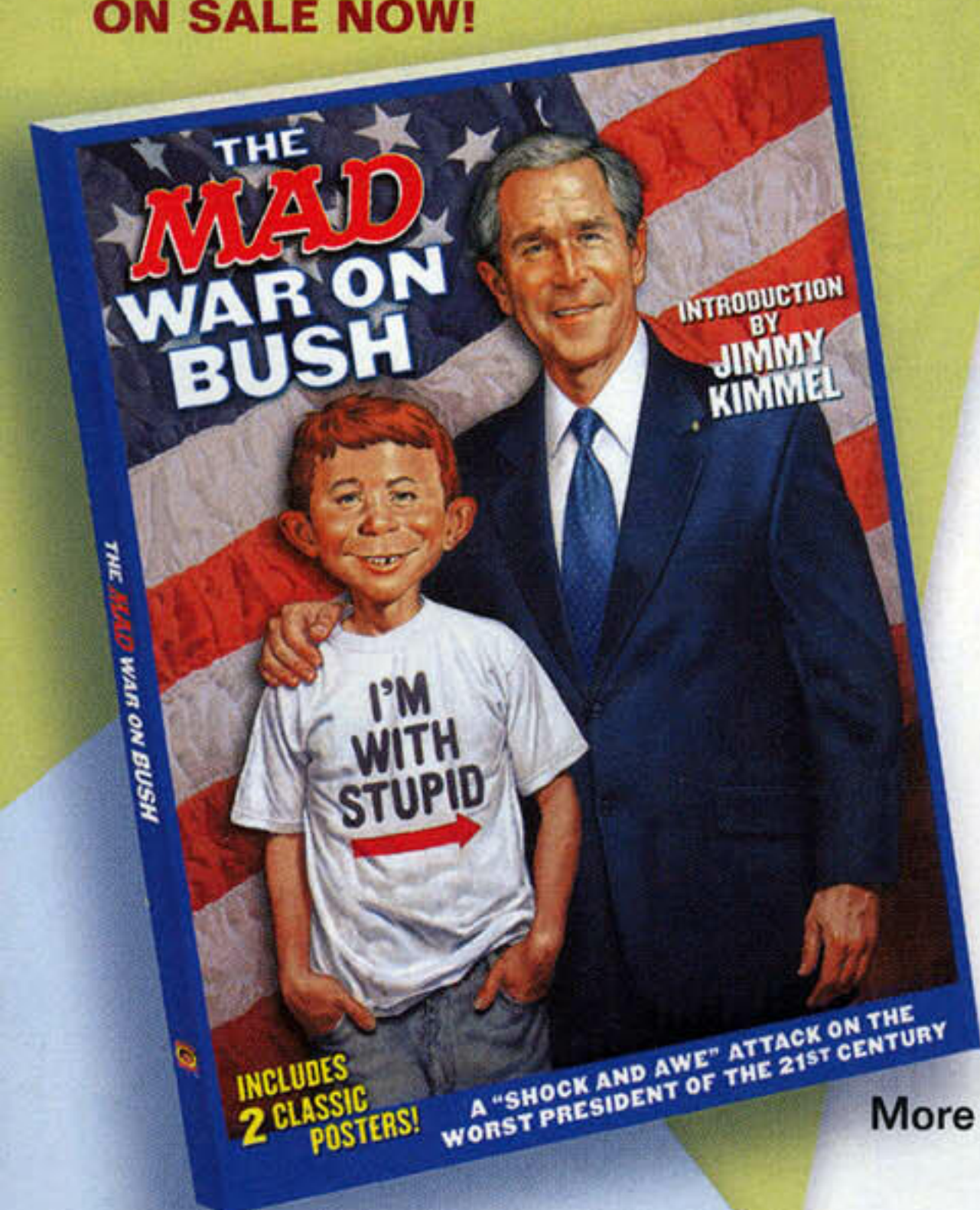
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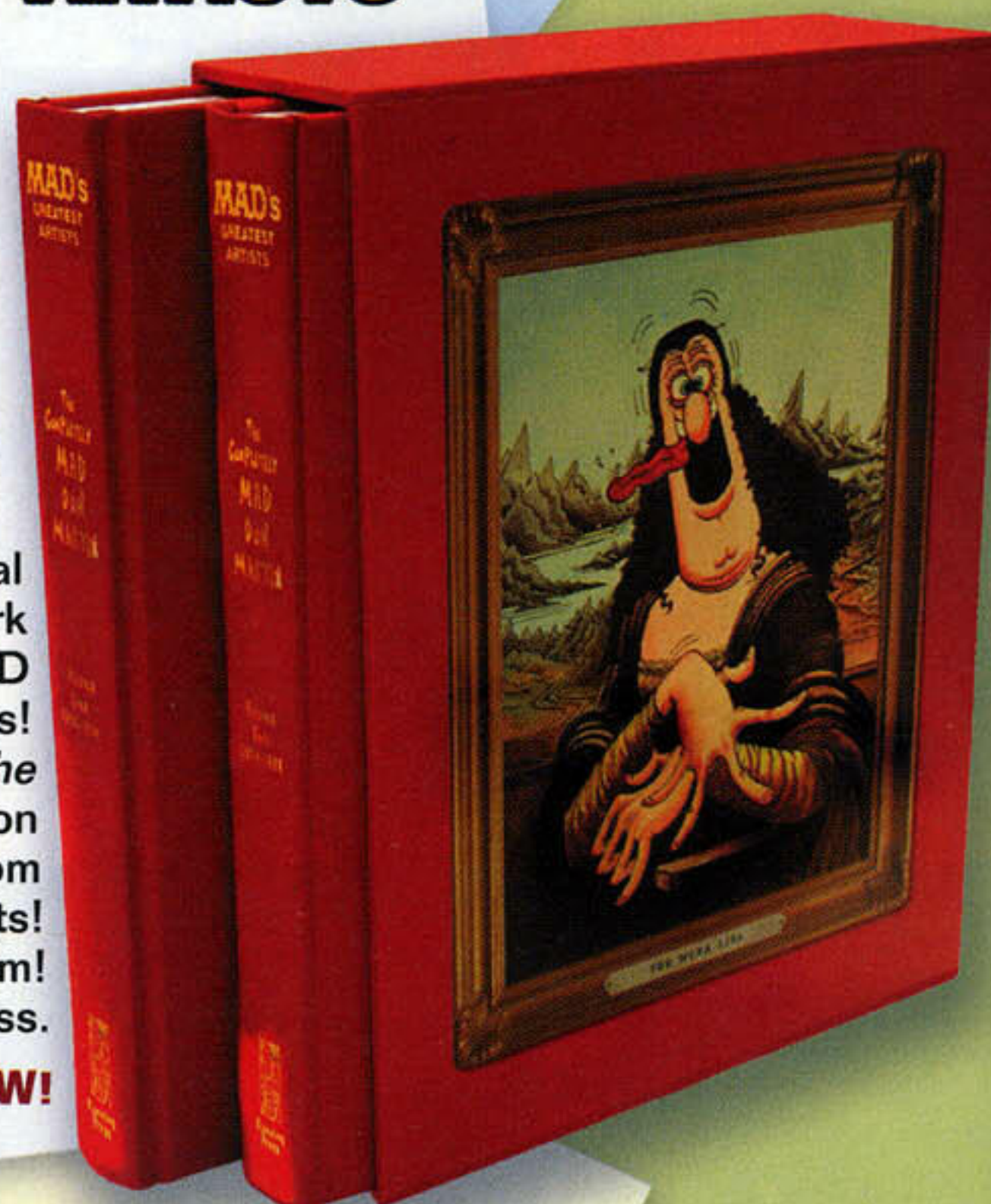
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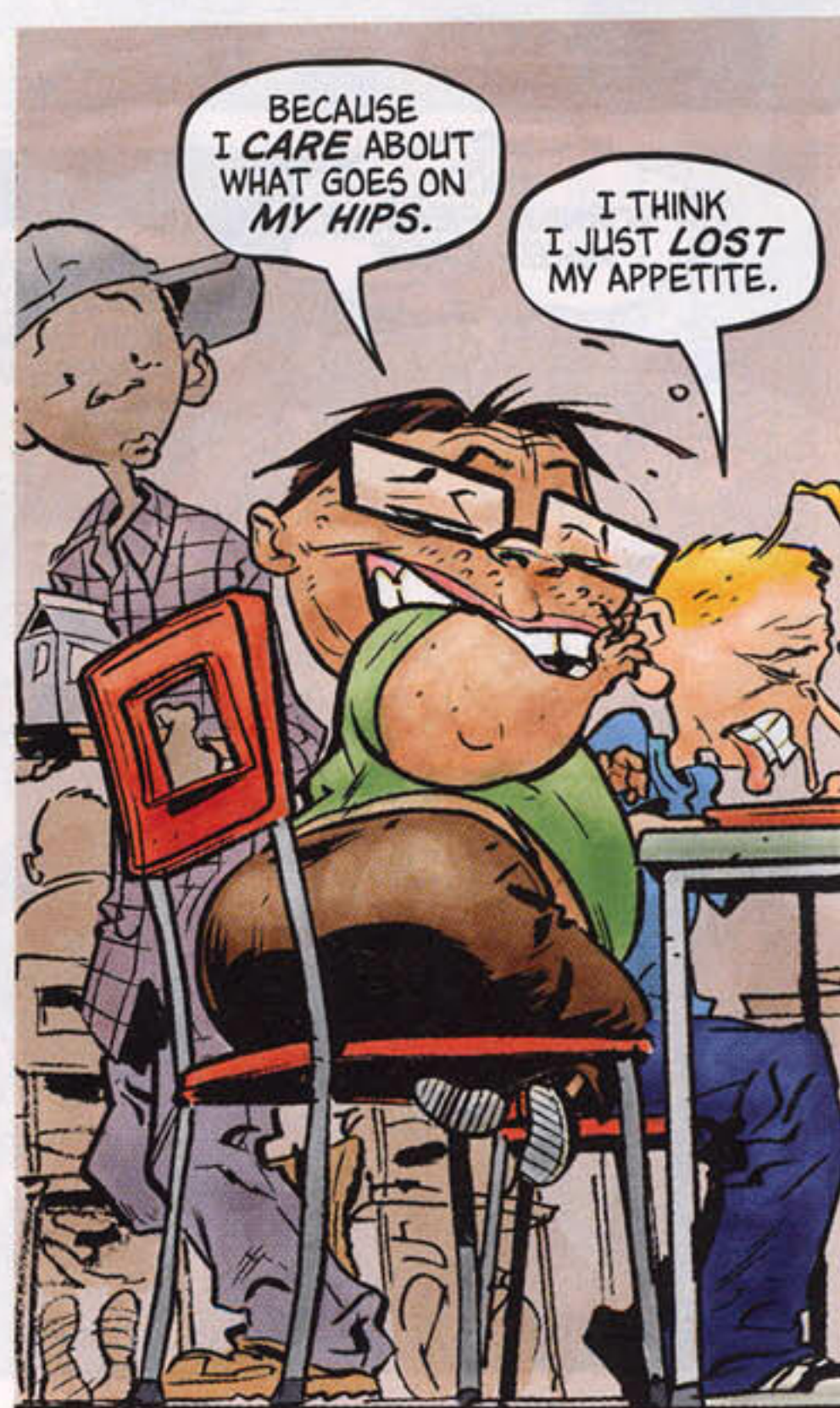
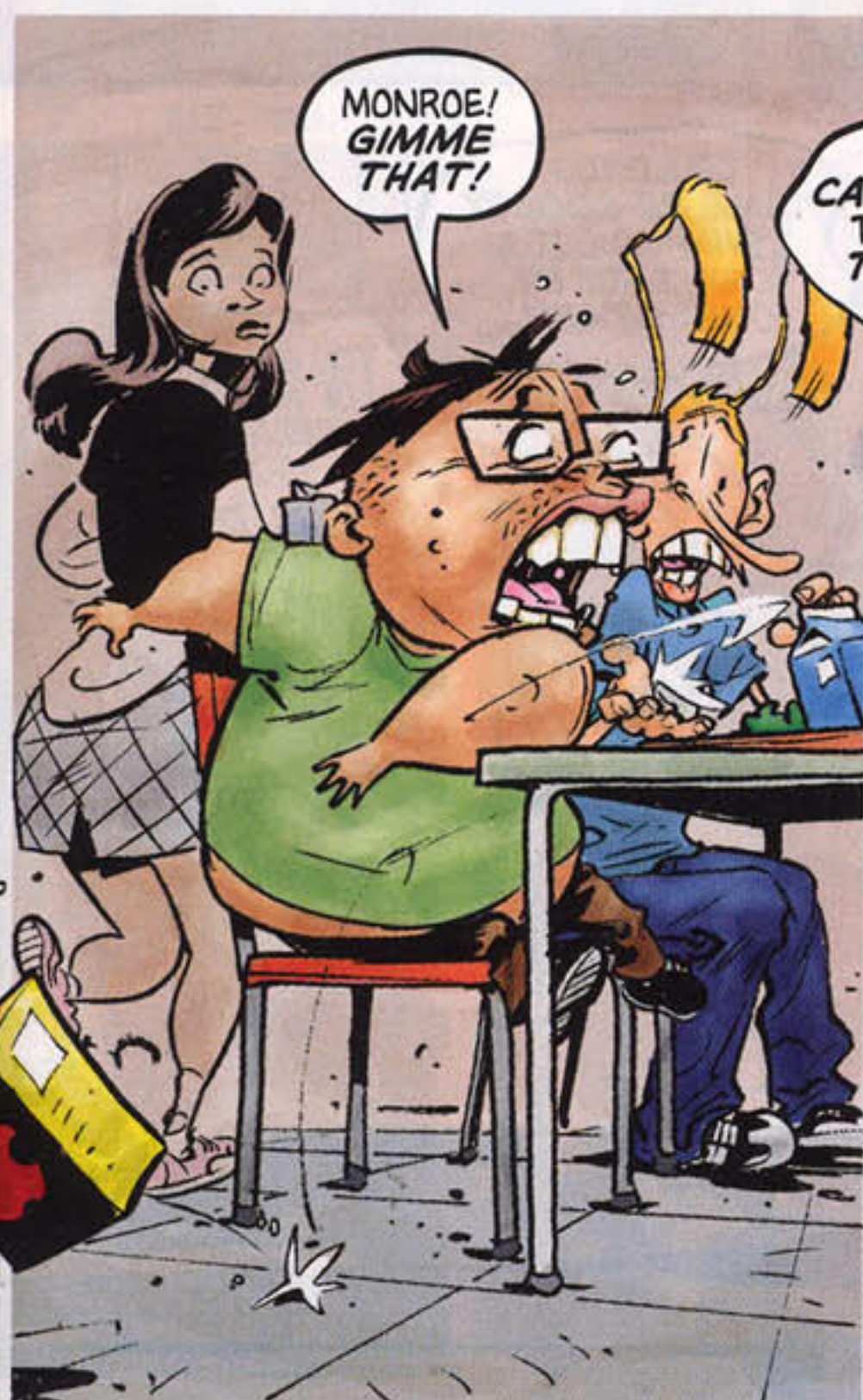
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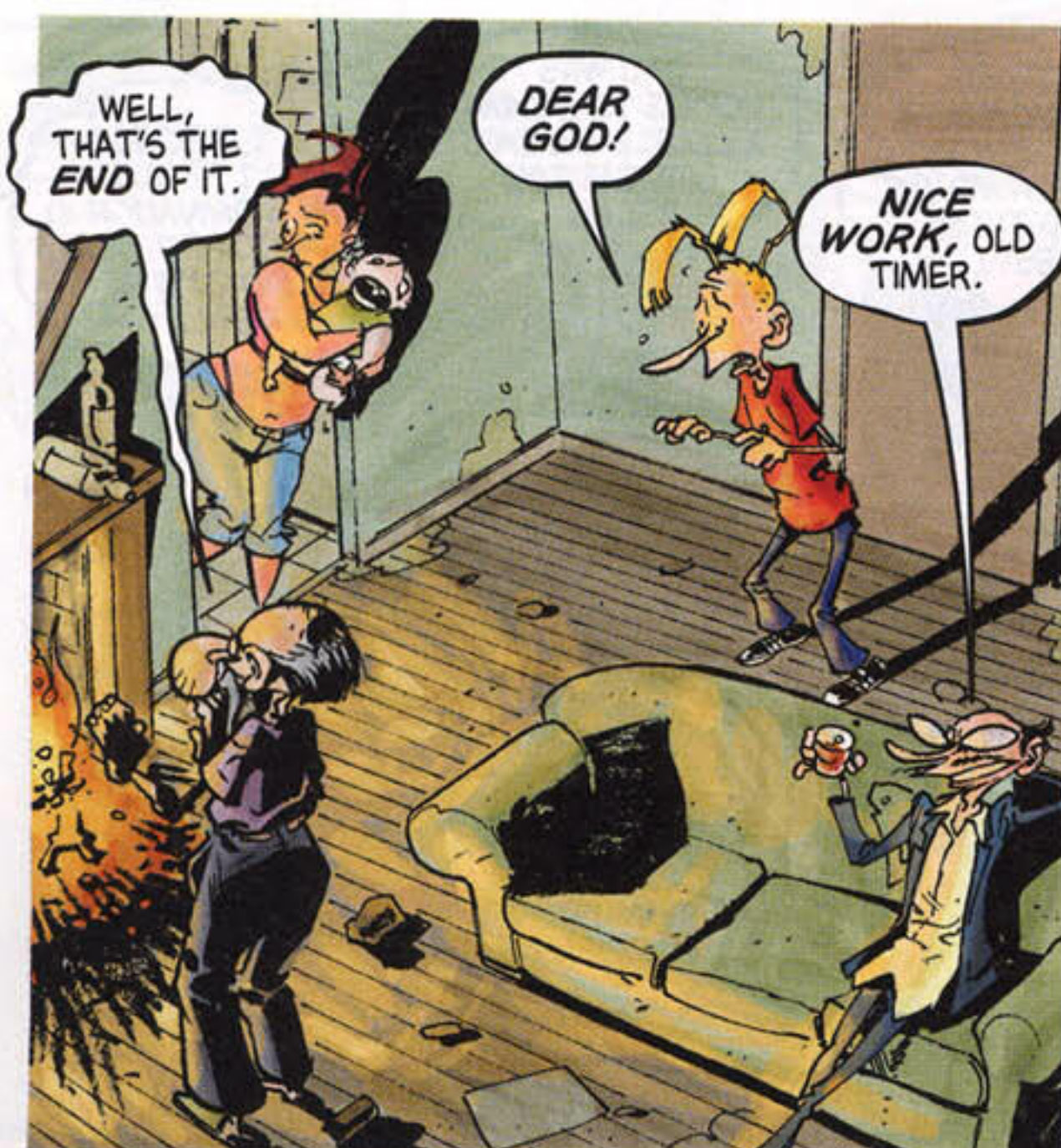


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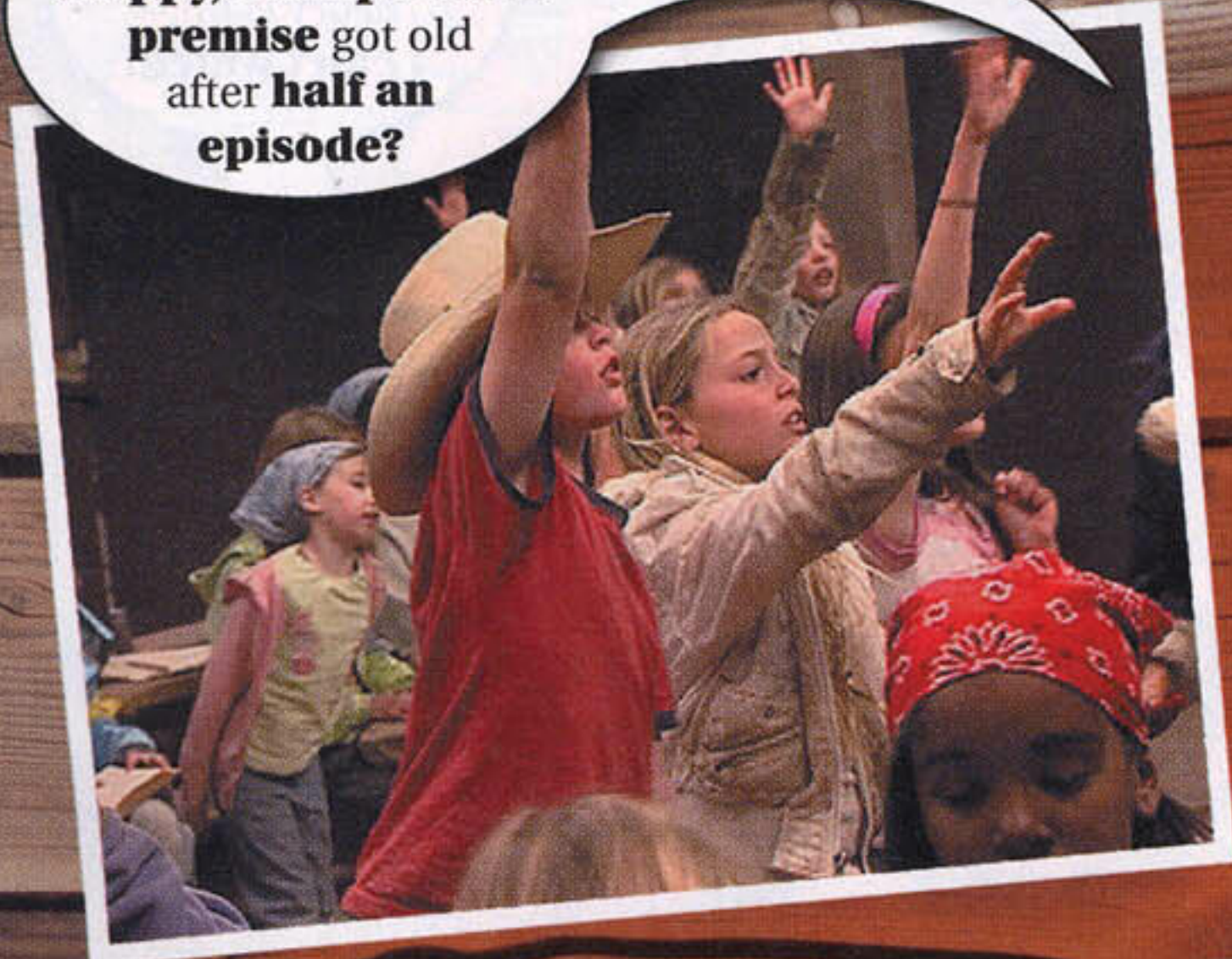
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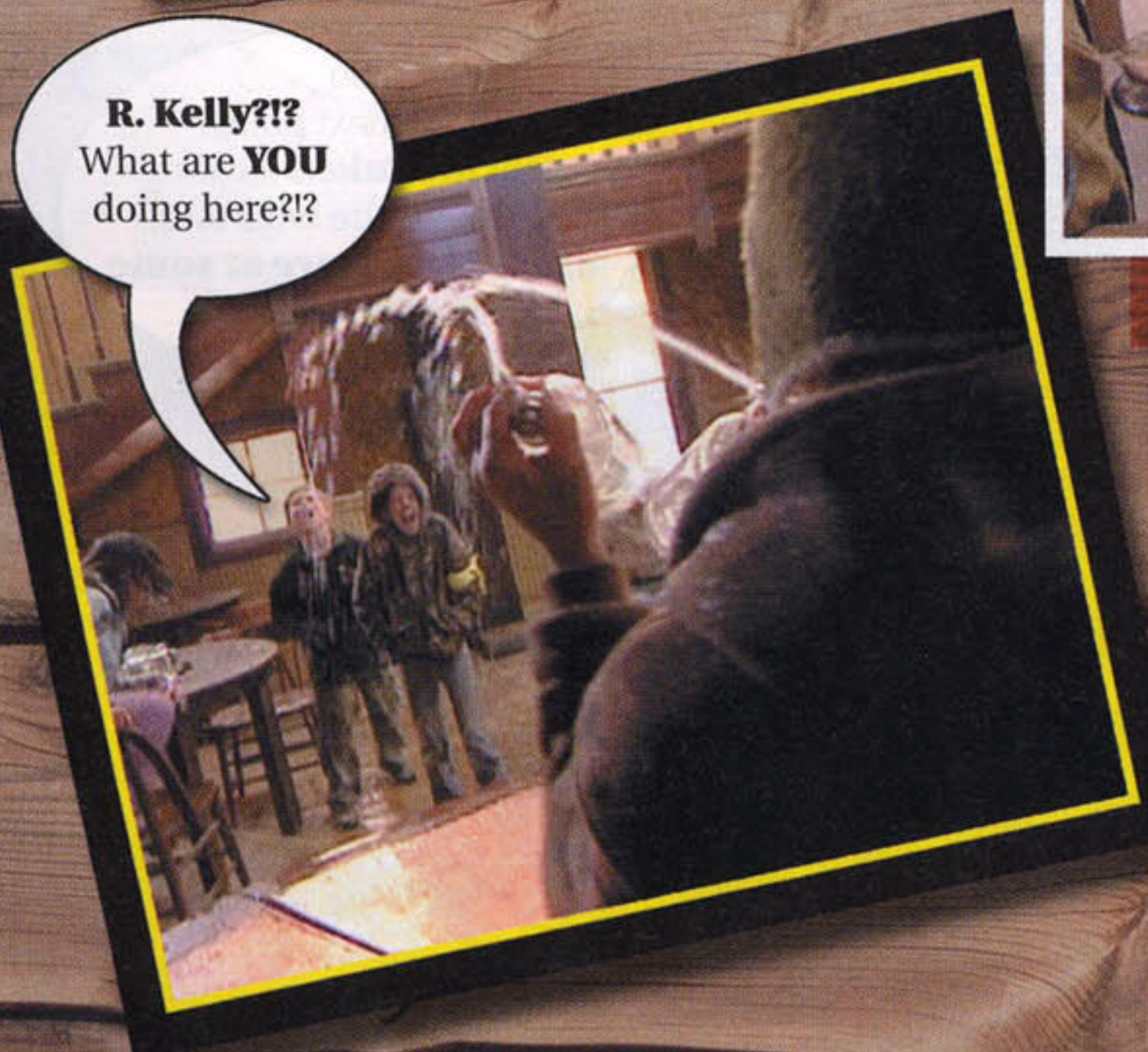
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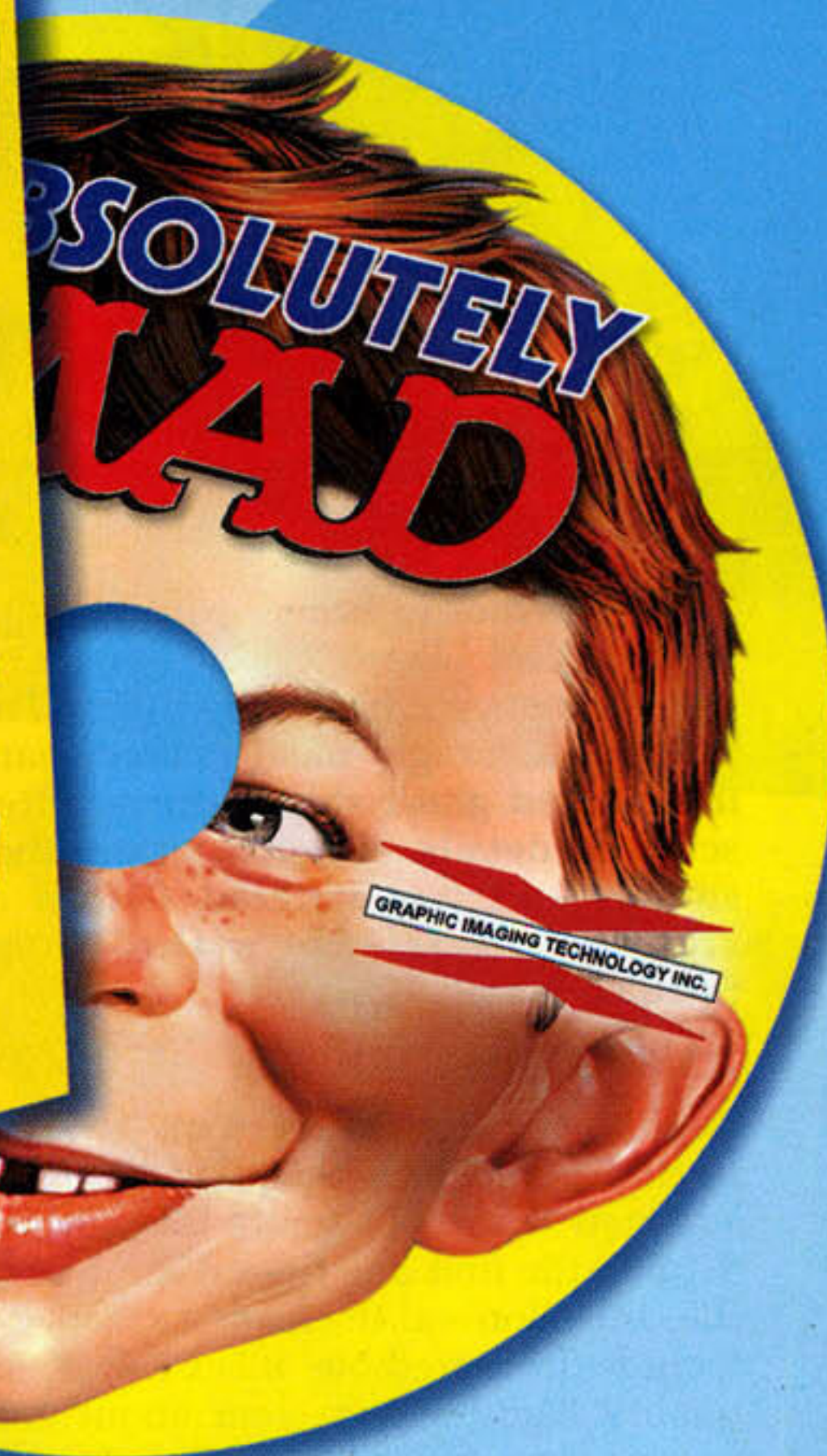
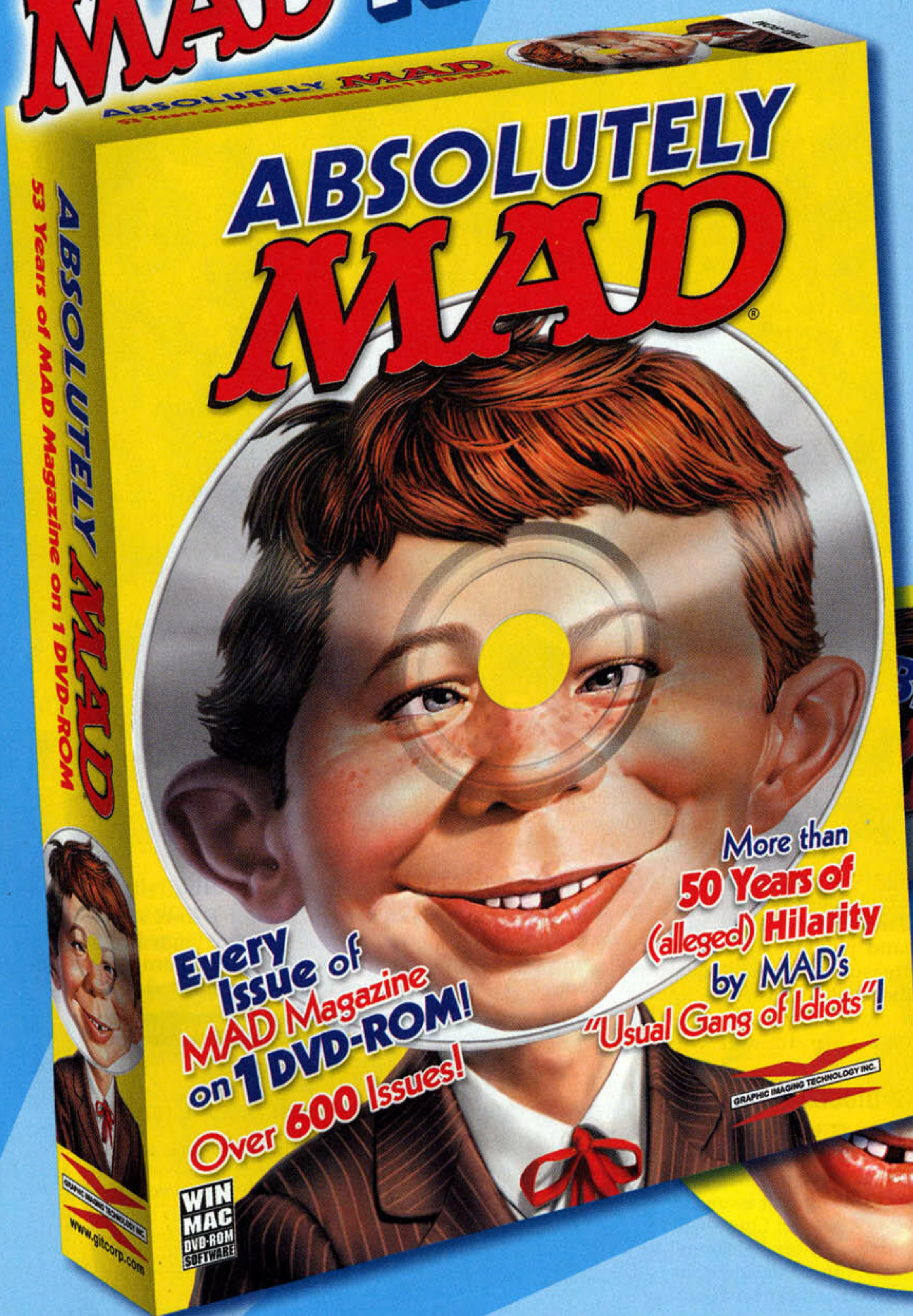
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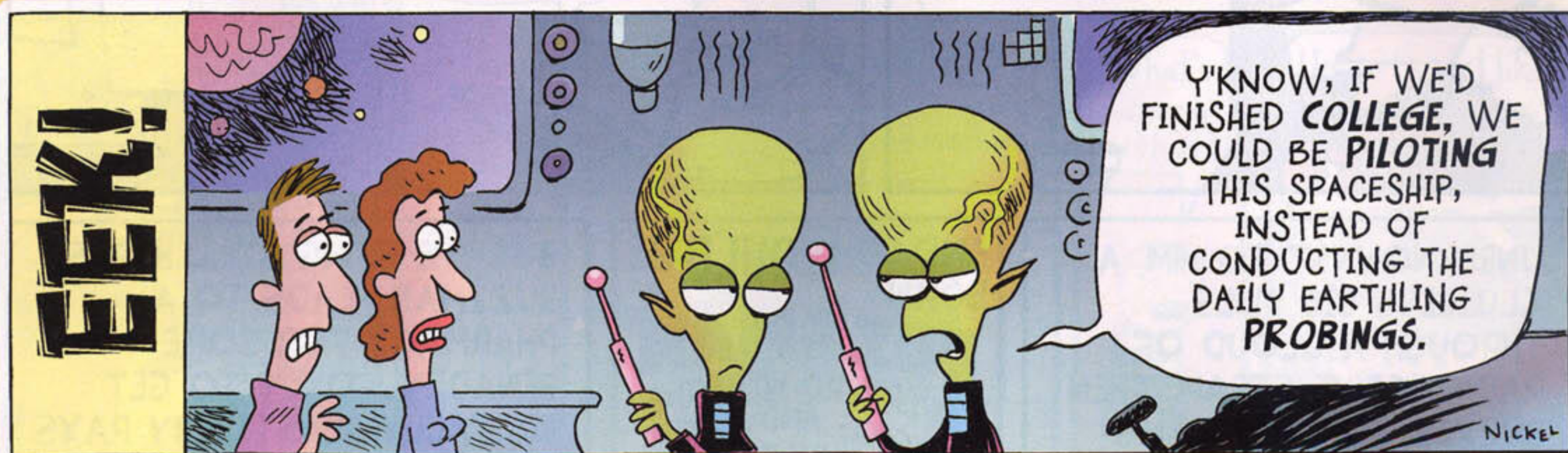
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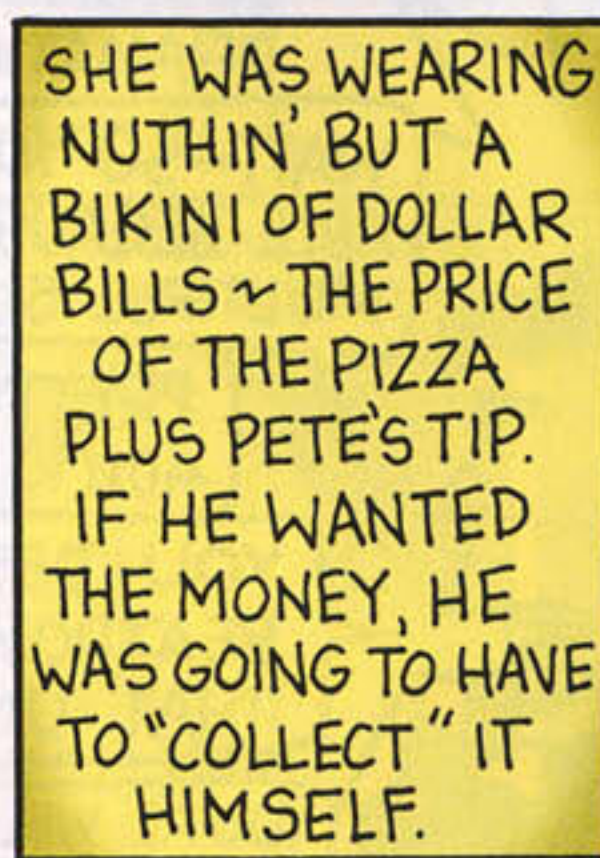
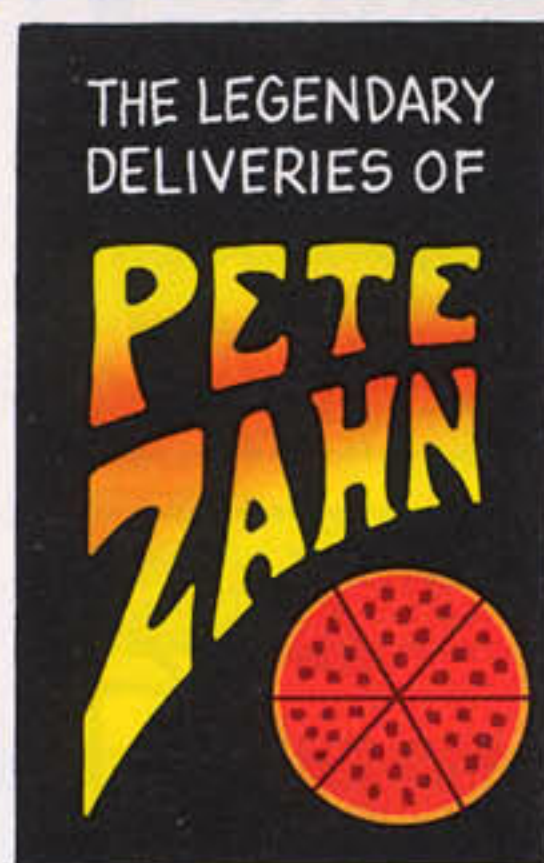
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WH-OH!
WHOA! HEAD RUSH!
ALAS, I DIE!
WAP

AND SO WOULD BE BORN... **BUZZMAN** SUPERHERO WITH THE STINGING AND OTHER ASSORTED POWERS OF A GIGANTIC BEE!

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I'VE GOT TO MOVE AWAY FROM NEVADA.

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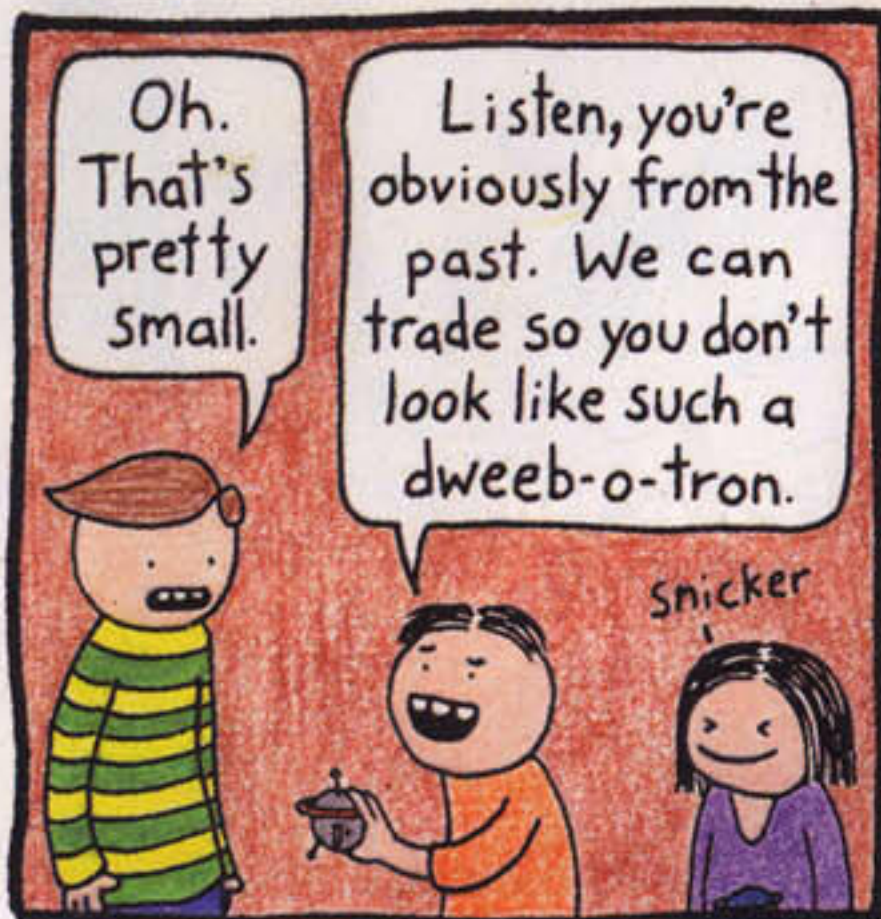
YOU DESERVE A BEATDOWN FOR THAT UNIFORM.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY!

WE TRIED EVERYTHING, BOSS. WE EVEN DRUG HIM THROUGH CACTUS. HE WON'T TALK.



DID YOU TRY TAKIN THE GAG OUT OF HIS MOUTH?



JUST BELOW THE SURFACE

MANY OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE NOT SEEN A SQUARE MEAL IN WEEKS... THEY HAVE NO RUNNING WATER, AND ALMOST NO HOPE. BUT FOR PENNIES A DAY YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

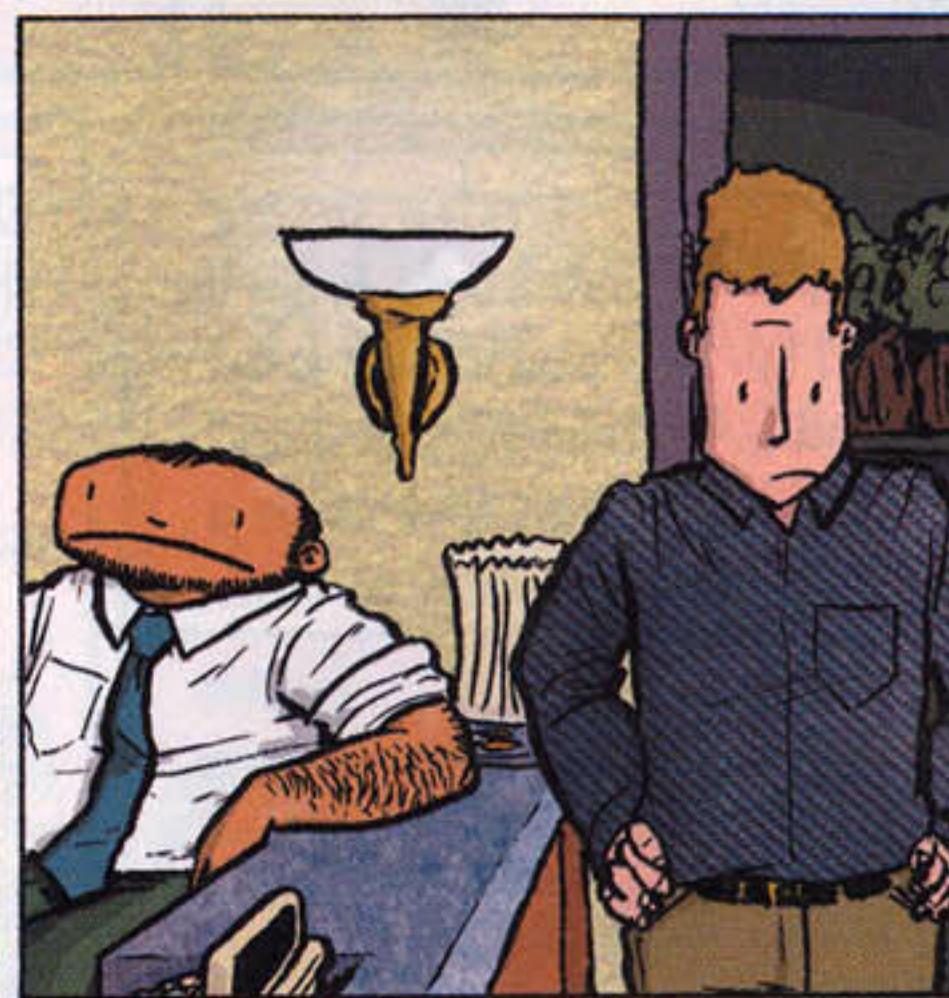
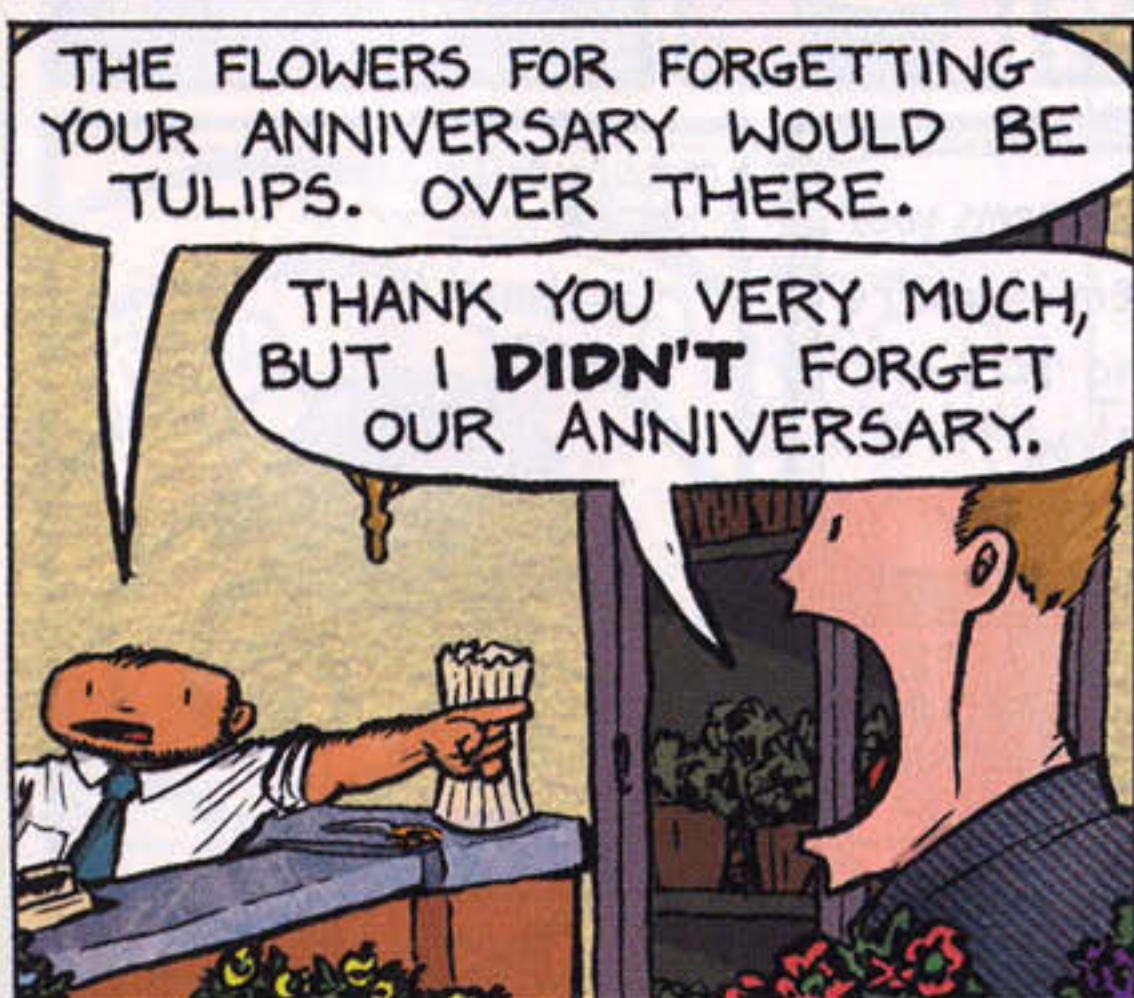
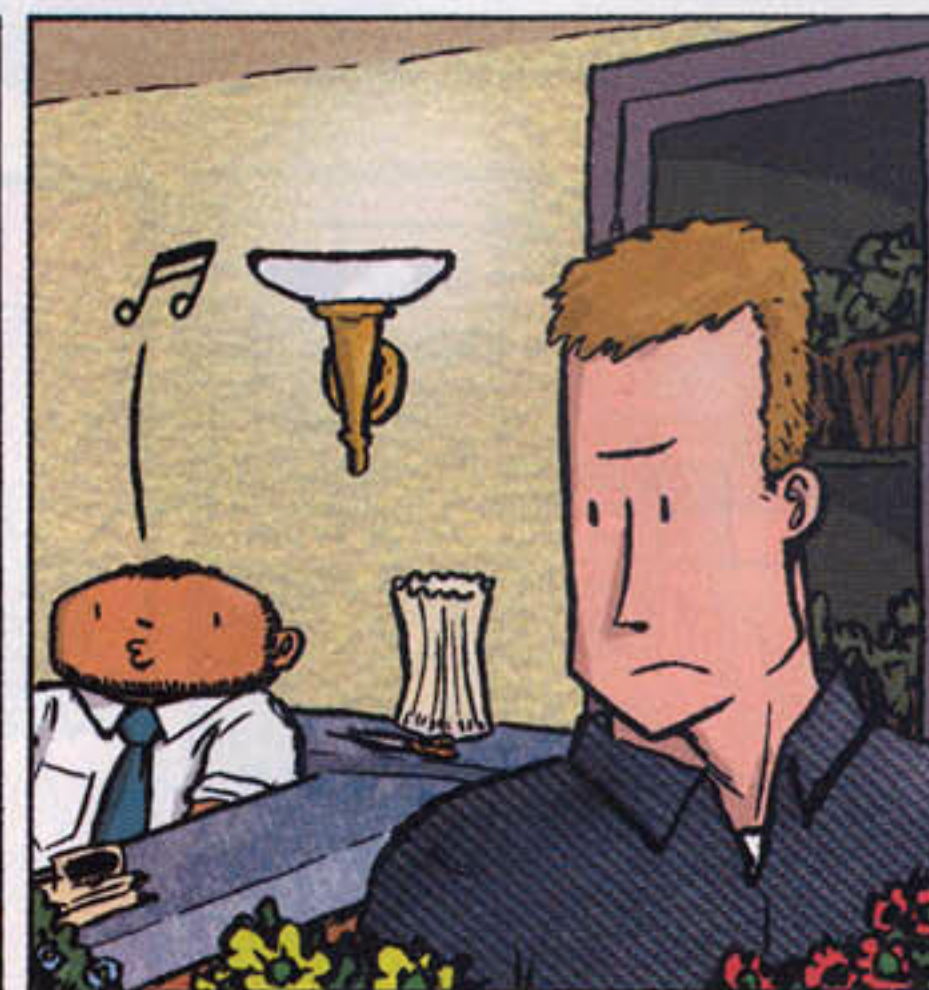
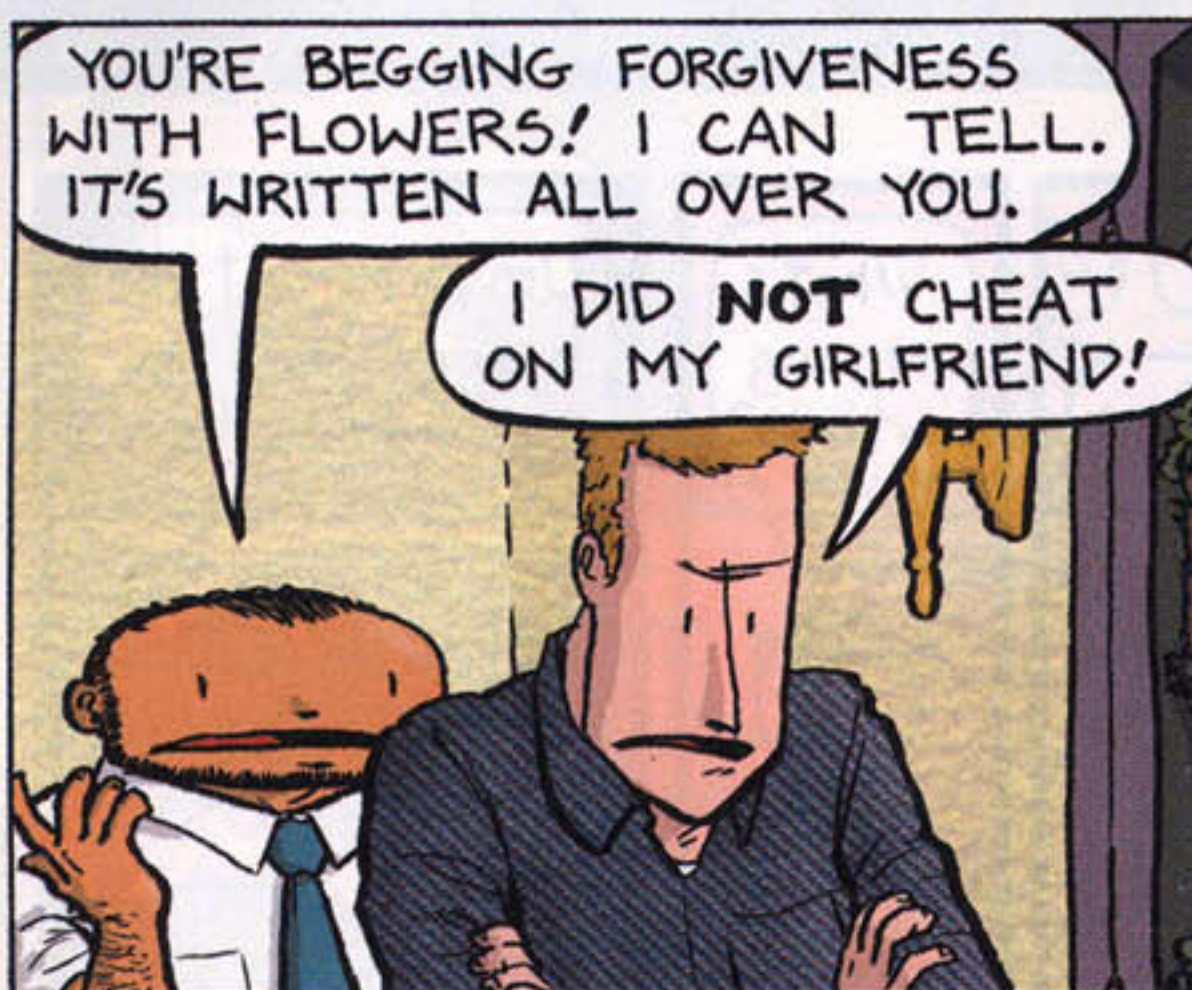
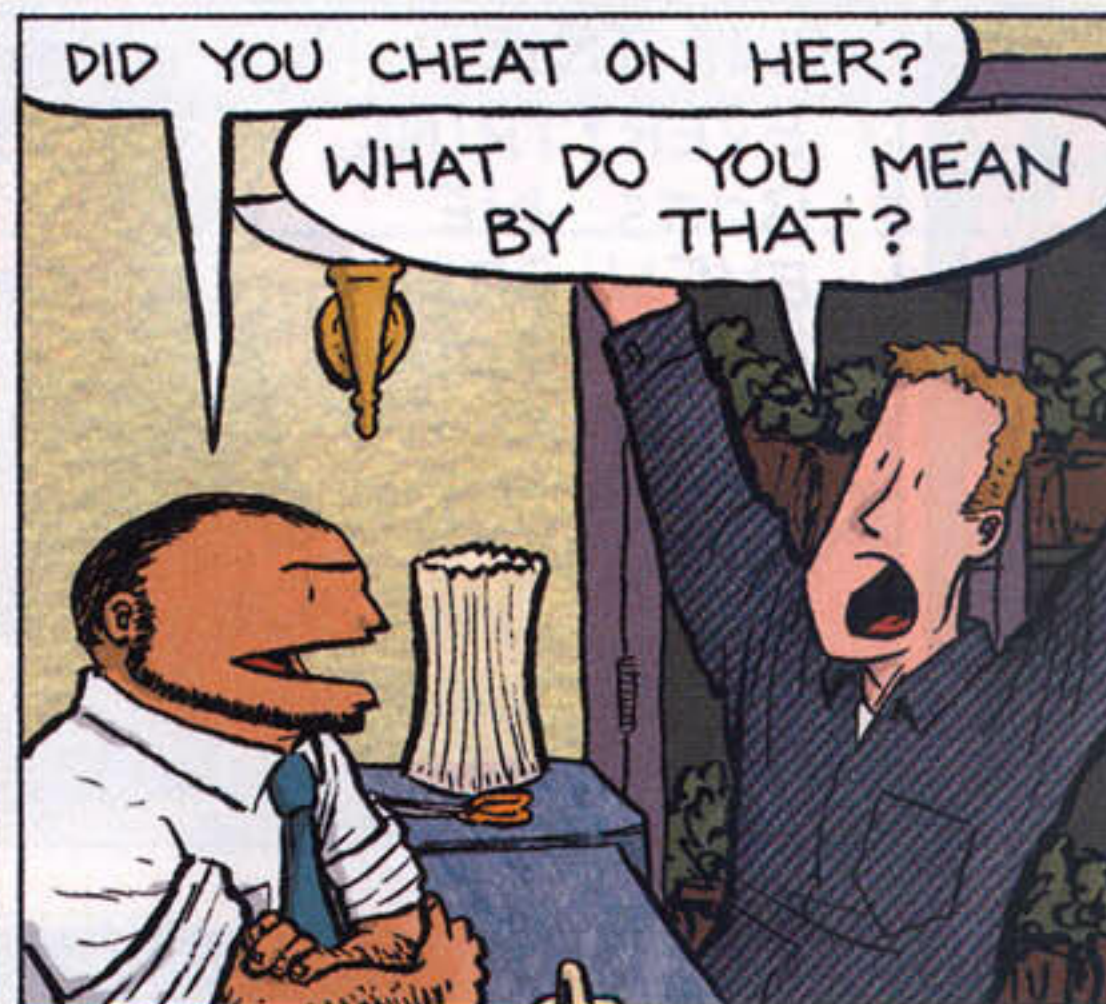
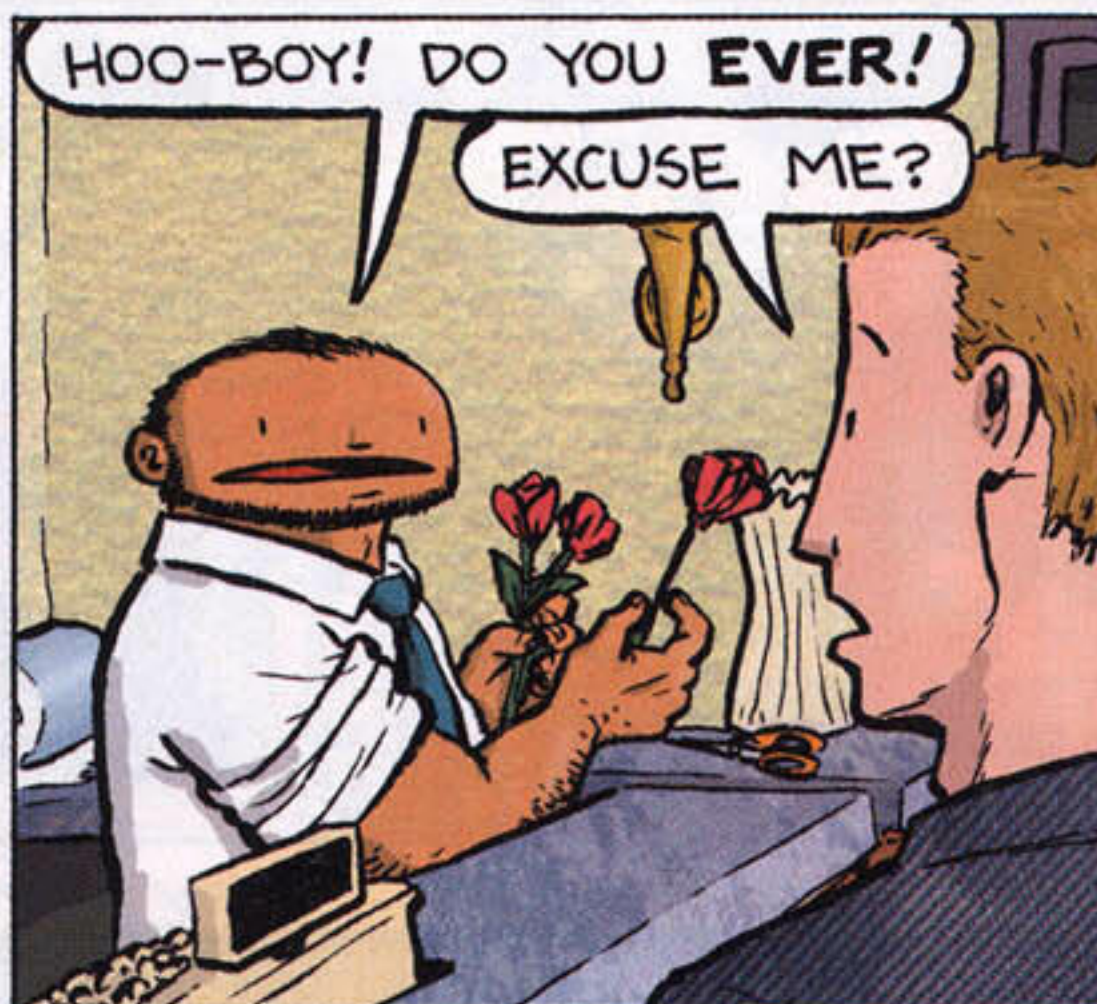


THEY ARE FORCED TO LIVE IN THEIR OWN FILTH AND EAT NEARLY ROTTEN MEAT.



MAN, THAT'S THE LIFE OVER THERE... NOBODY'S EVEN TRYING TO SWAT THOSE GUYS.





Lost Odyssey



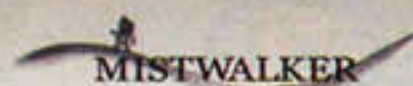
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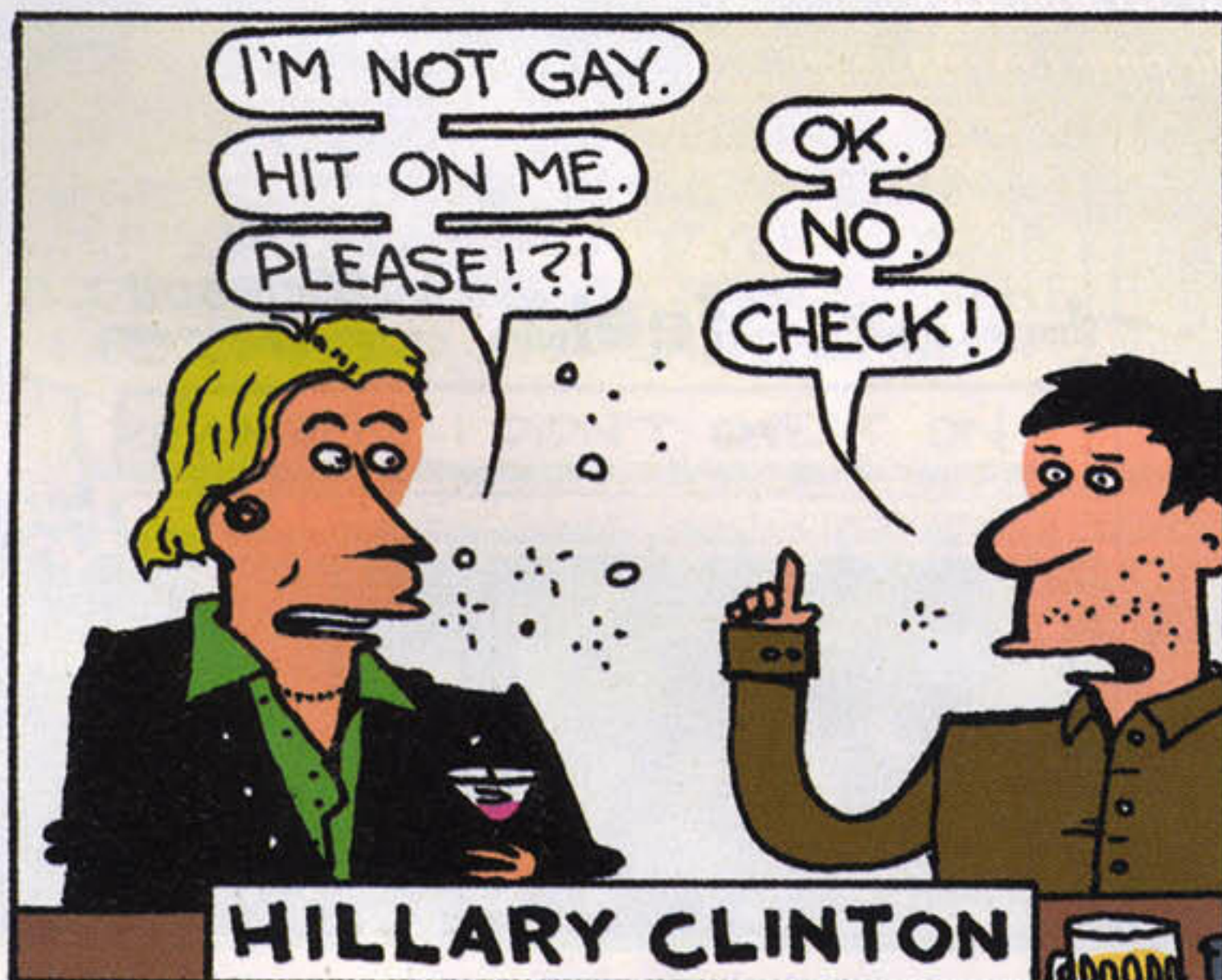
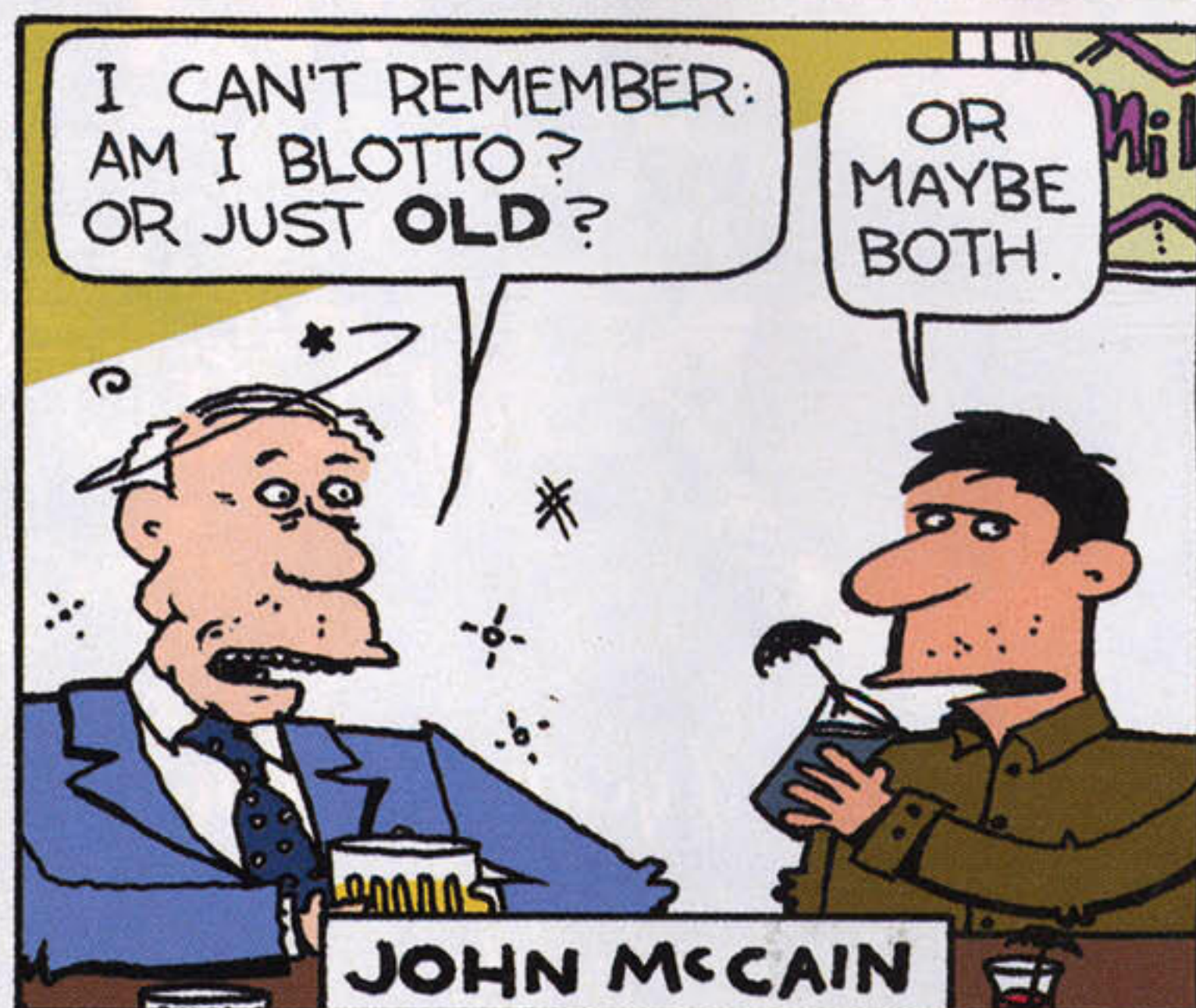
Jump in.

XBOX 360 LIVE



It's been said that people want to vote for the candidate they'd most like to have a beer with. With that in mind, we at MAD present this handy...

HAPPY HOUR CANDIDATE RUNDOWN





'ello, I'm Bore Growls! Each week I teach survival skills by getting dropped into wild, dangerous places and finding my way out with only a few tools, my military survival training and my cool-sounding British accent! But there's a rumor that I've been "surviving" by spending nights in fancy hotels instead of freezing my arse off outside! Some folks are even saying I'm a phony! Well, to prove I'm not, I'm going on my most dangerous outing yet...

MAN VS. WILD... AT THE MALL



Normally, I'm dropped into my locations via helicopter, but today I'm doing something even more dangerous! I'm letting my mum drive me here, which means I risk dying of embarrassment!

Don't do anything dangerous, Bore-y! And remember, mommy wuvs you! And don't forget my foot cream! Byeeeeeeeeee!

Loose-fitting clothing is really, really important! Not only does it let your body vent heat, but you can cover your face so no one recognizes you!



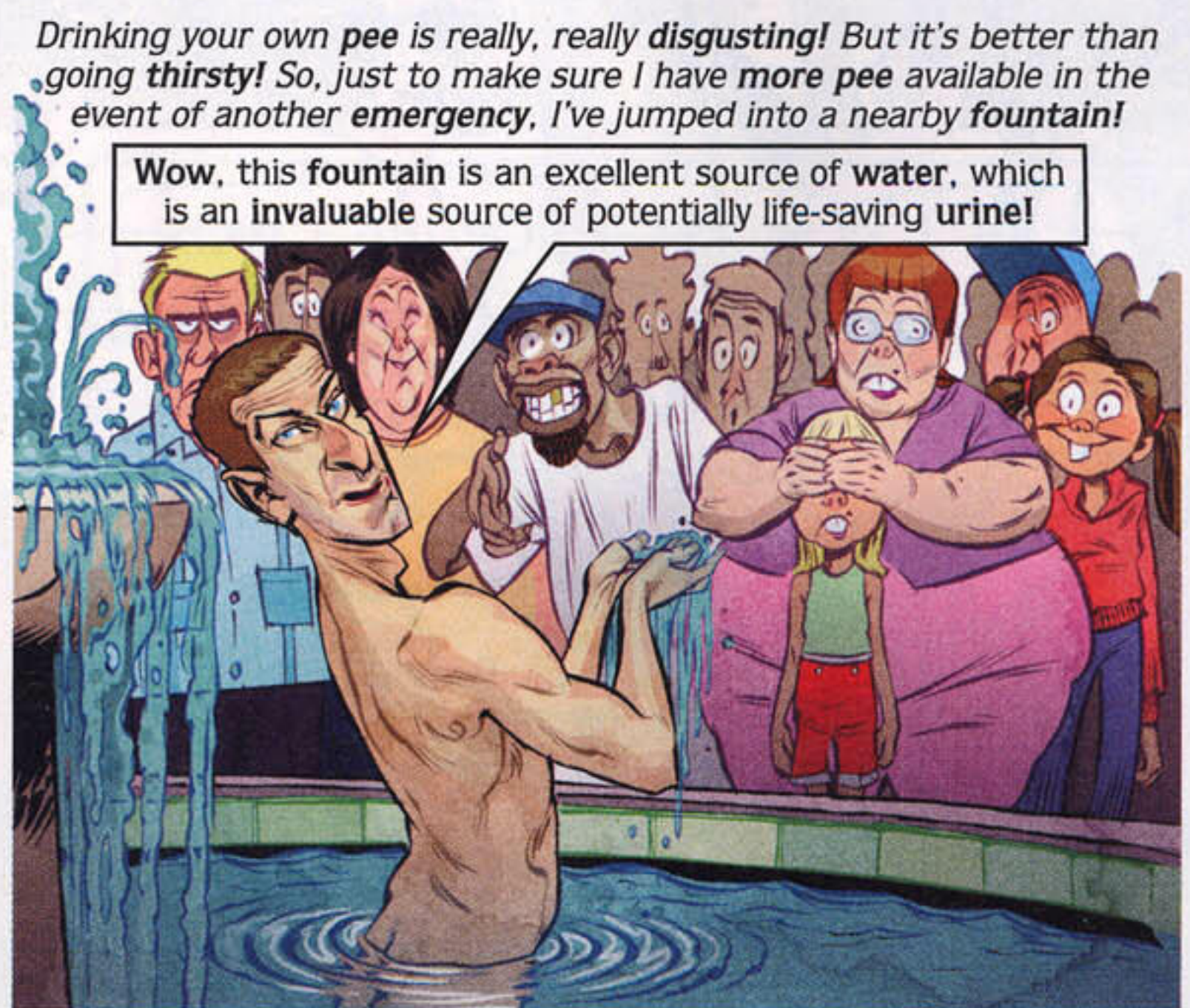
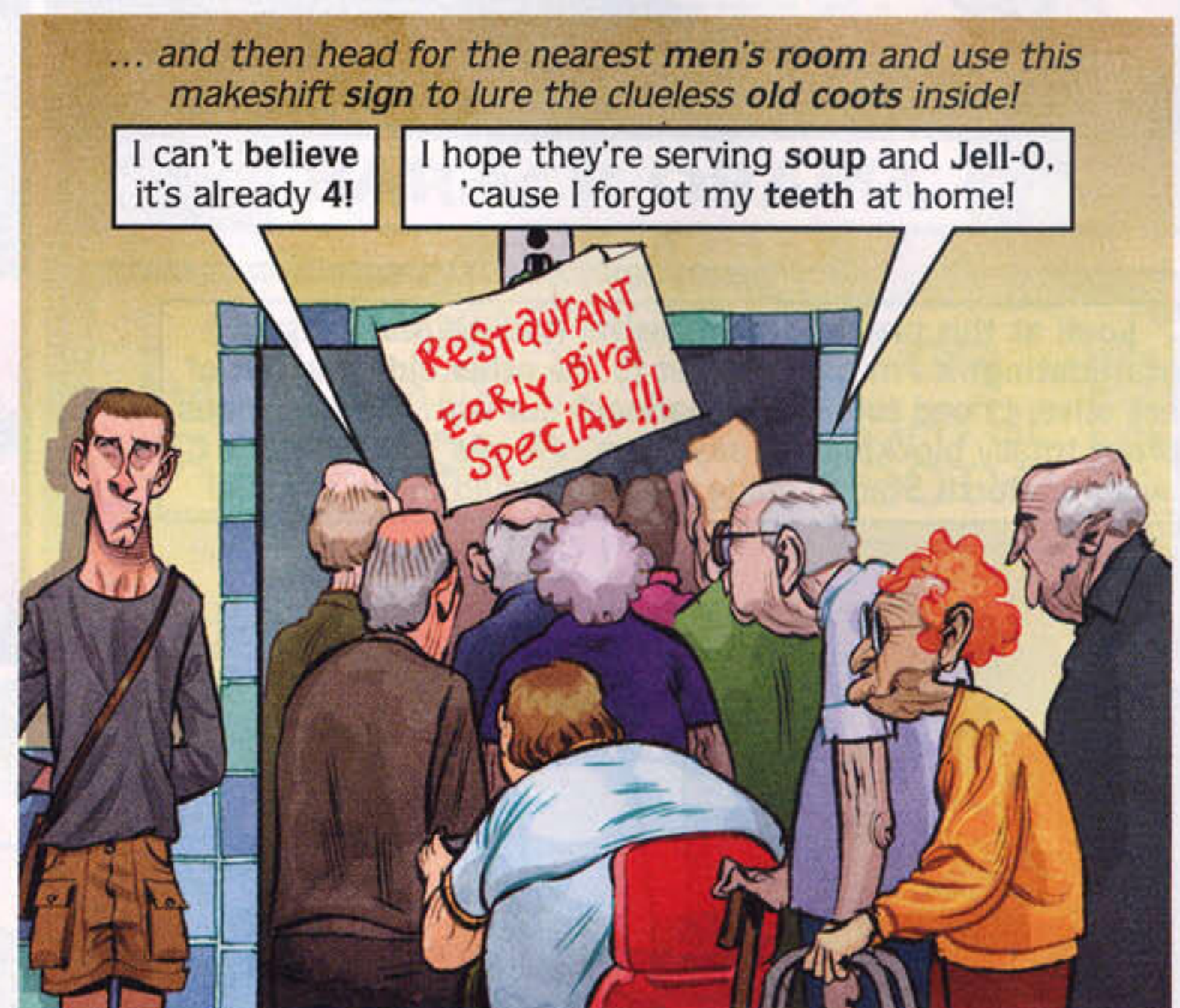
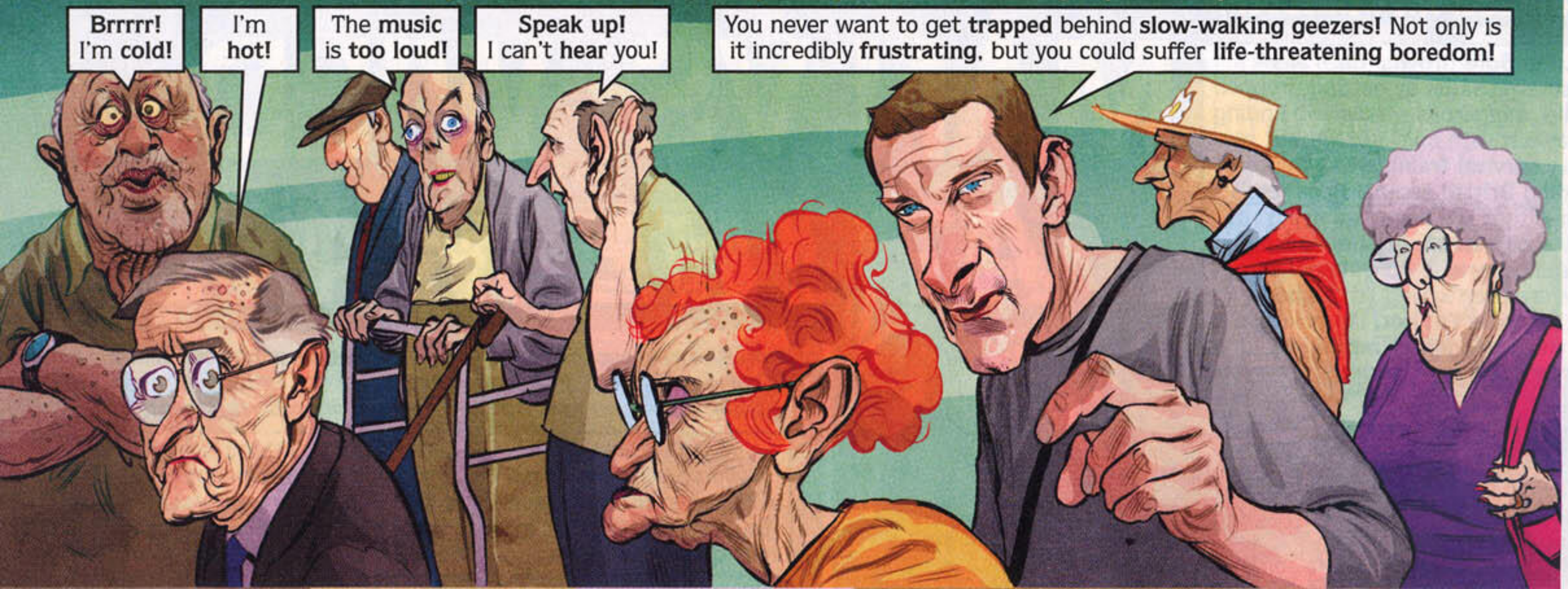
Look at this place — it's massive! And it's really, really intimidating! If I'm going to get to the other side and out of here alive, I need to get my bearings! But with the enormous roof totally blocking the sky there's no sun setting in the west or North Star to guide me. That could mean trouble!



With absolutely nothing to help with directions, it looks like I'll just have to rely solely on my wits and keen instincts!



When you're in the mall, you can see some really, really *strange* wildlife! Like this group of *Elderly Mall Walkers*!





Uh-oh! Over there is the **scariest** thing you can encounter in any mall — **Cool Teenage Girls!** I've got to be careful and — no, they've **spotted** me!

Like **wolves**, teenage girls run in **packs!** They're **meaner** than **cobras** and can cut you to **shreds** like an **ocelot**, only instead of **claws**, they use **withering glares** and **sarcastic comments!**

Ohmigod! Check out the **loser** who's, like, totally **Eddie Bauer!**

Are those **hiker shorts** he wearing? Because they're, like, all **hiked up** his **butt!**

I've got to **hide**, and **fast!** Or I'm **doomed!**



This **Ball Crawl** is the **perfect hiding spot!** **Awesome!**

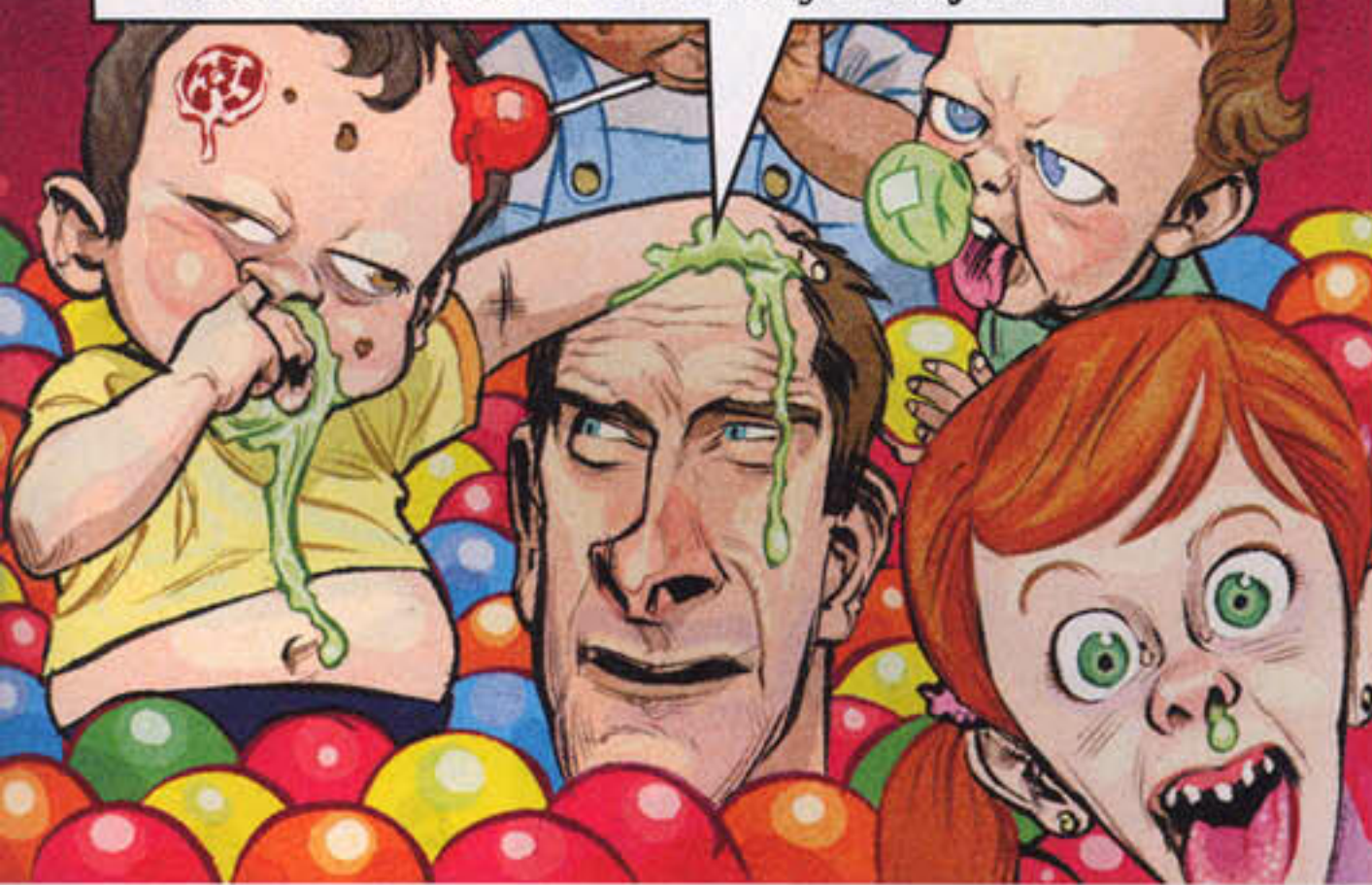
Where'd he go? He's **gone!**

Who cares? Let's go make fun of some **other pathetic dweeb!**



It's good they're **leaving** because I can't stay in here long! With all these **snot-nosed toddlers** around, a **Ball Crawl** is basically a **multi-color bacteria farm** disguised as a **playpen!**

What's really, **really scary** is that all these little **demons** are completely **unsupervised!** I've got to get out of here **fast**, before it turns into **Kid Nation** and I'm the host of **TWO** lousy reality shows!



Hey! There's the guy who **shoplifted** the **lipstick** from **Cosmetics World!**

Uh-oh, I've been **spotted** by **Mall Security!** This is really, really **bad!** Mall Security guards aren't **real cops**, but they're still very **dangerous!** They can make me give the **lipstick** back or even call my **parents!**



Fortunately, **Mall Security Guards** get their jobs because they're not in good enough shape to do **real law enforcement!** So by **walking** at a slightly **brisk pace**, I can easily **outrun** them!

You...! (**PUFF!**) **Stop...**! (**WHEEZE!**) I said — (**COUGH COUGH! GASP!**) — **stop!**

This is **great!** I can make my **getaway** without even breaking a **sweat!**



I just remembered — my **mum** said to get her **foot cream!** That means I've got to take a **detour** to the dreaded **Body Shop!**

It smells really, really **awful** in here! Like **potpourri** mixed with **Pine-Sol!** So if I'm going to **get out** without **tossing** my **crackers**, I'll need something to **block** the **odor!**



These **quarters** I took from the **fountain** will make perfect **nose plugs!** Although with a nose as big as mine, I'm going to need about **seven dollars** worth!



With the day getting long, I was no closer to finding my way out and my spirits were starting to sag!

When you're in the mall for too long, it can really, really crush your will to live! So you need to give yourself a reason to press on!



Ah, the Victoria's Secret window display! If this doesn't remind you that life is truly majestic, **nothing** can! And believe me, it beats biting the head off a live fish while wearing a headband soaked in your own urine! Although, come to think of it, that's pretty great, too!

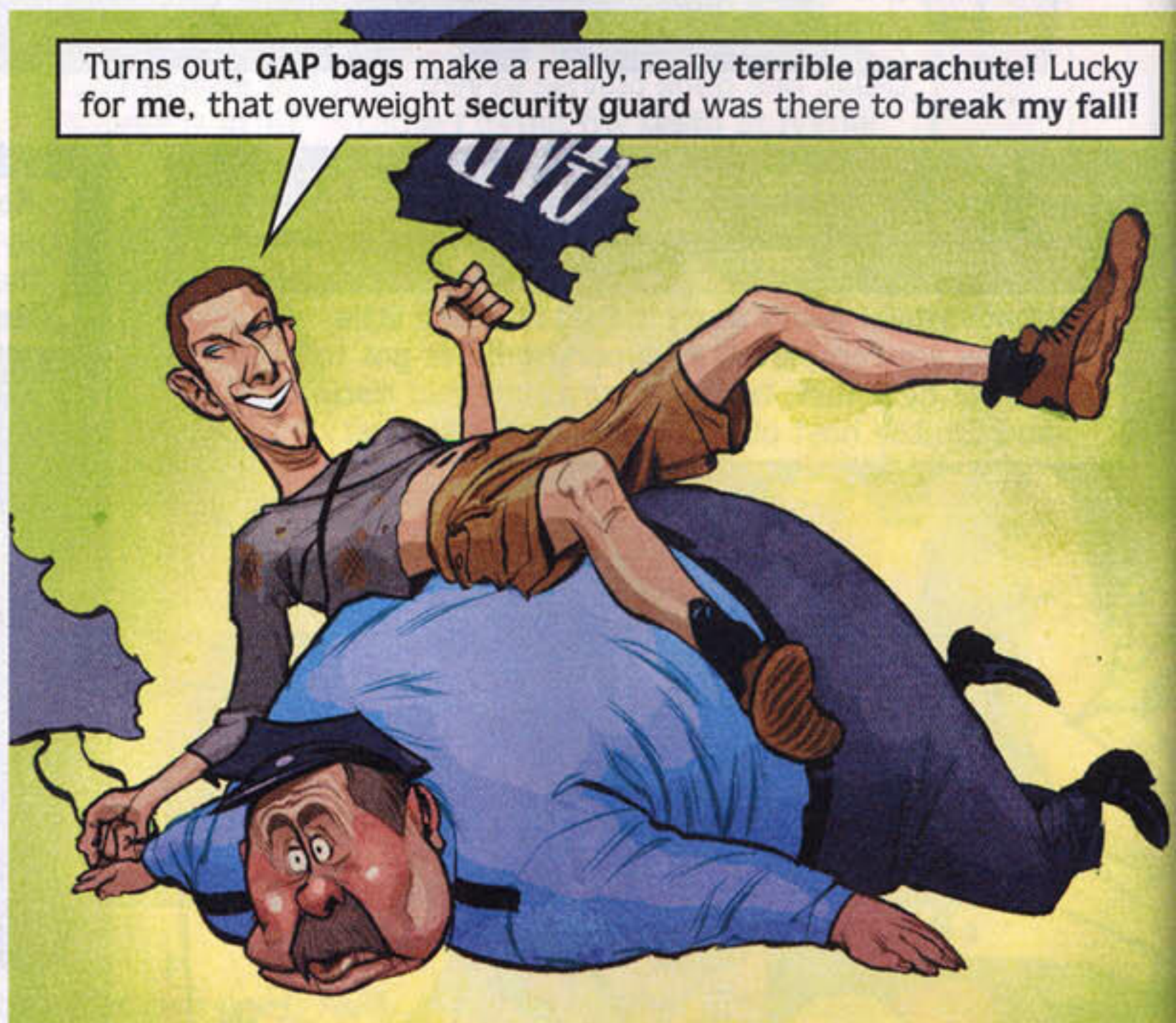


With **nightfall** approaching, I had to get out — and fast! So instead of wasting time riding down the escalator, I took a shortcut!

These unnecessarily large shopping bags from the GAP should make a really, really good parachute!

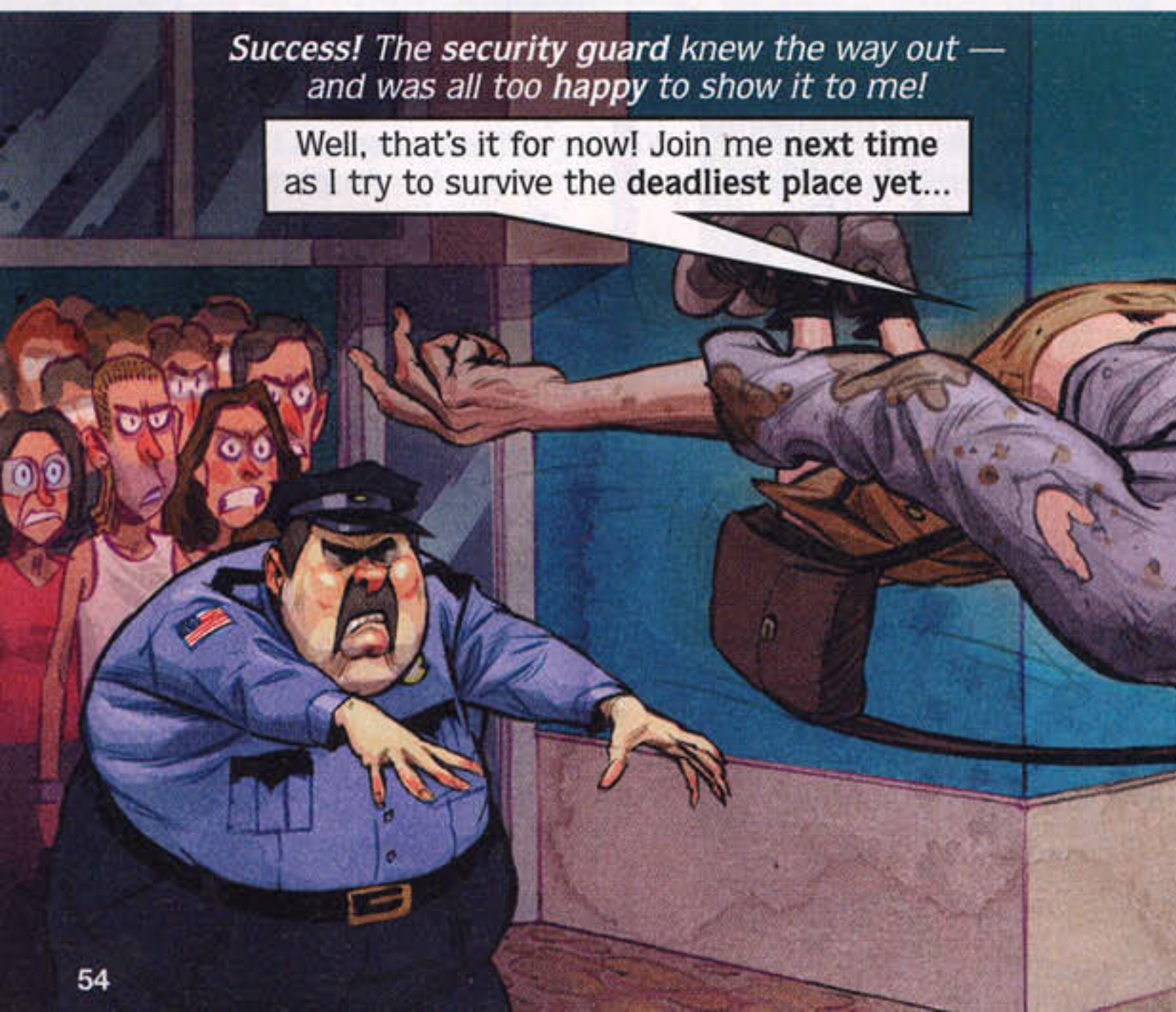


Turns out, GAP bags make a really, really terrible parachute! Lucky for me, that overweight security guard was there to break my fall!



Success! The security guard knew the way out — and was all too happy to show it to me!

Well, that's it for now! Join me next time as I try to survive the deadliest place yet...



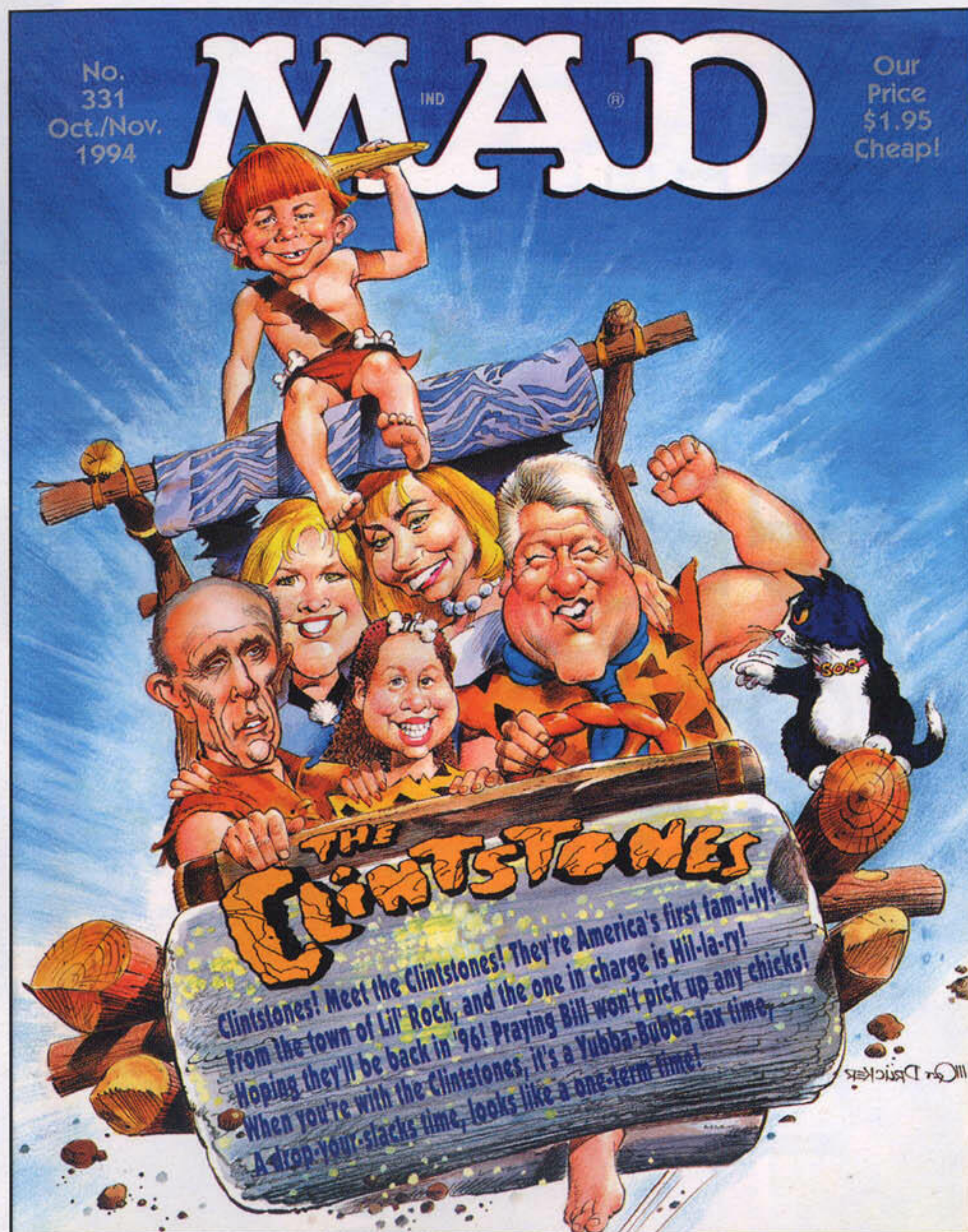
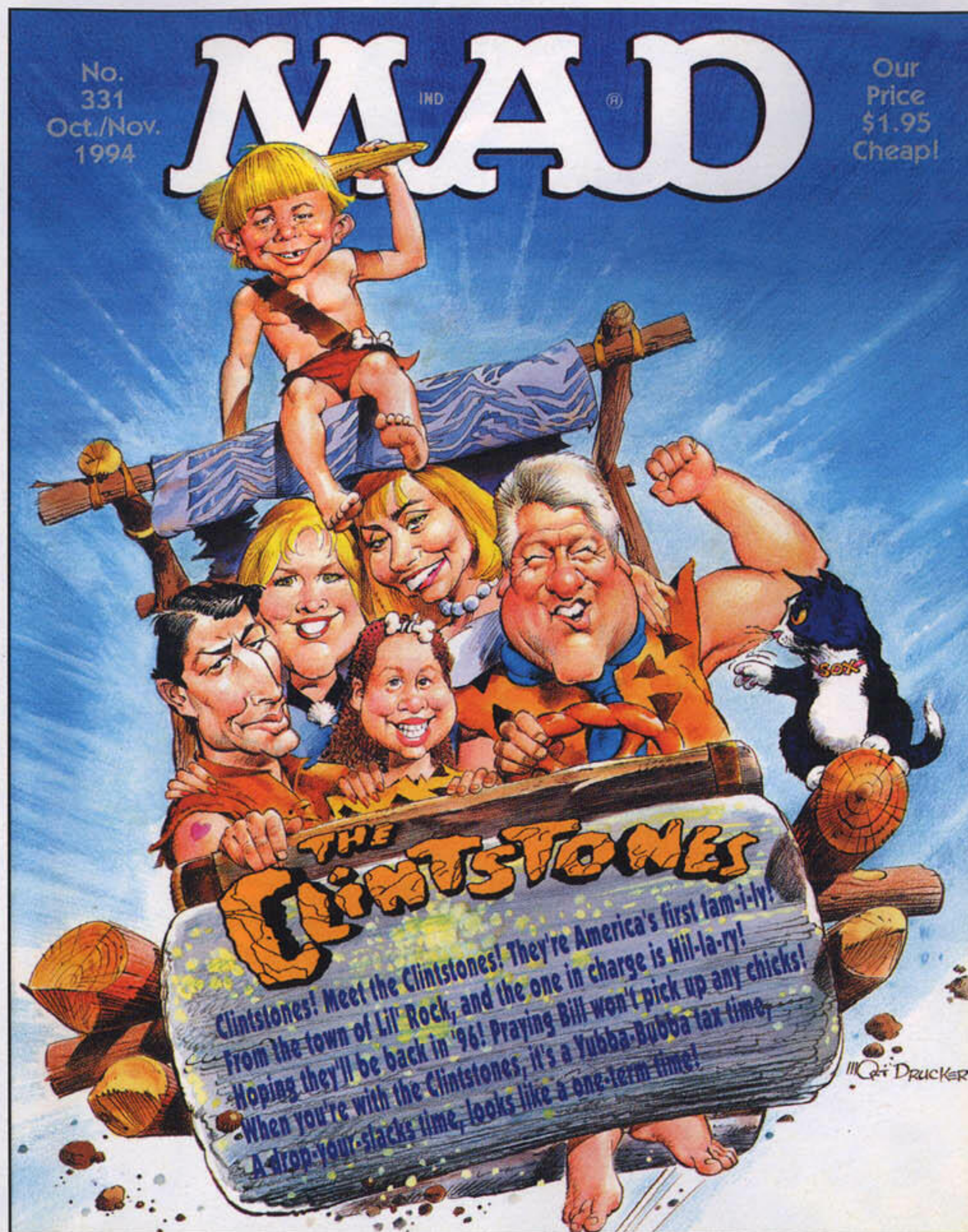
...a typical American high school!





WHAT THE HECK IS THE DIFFERENCE?

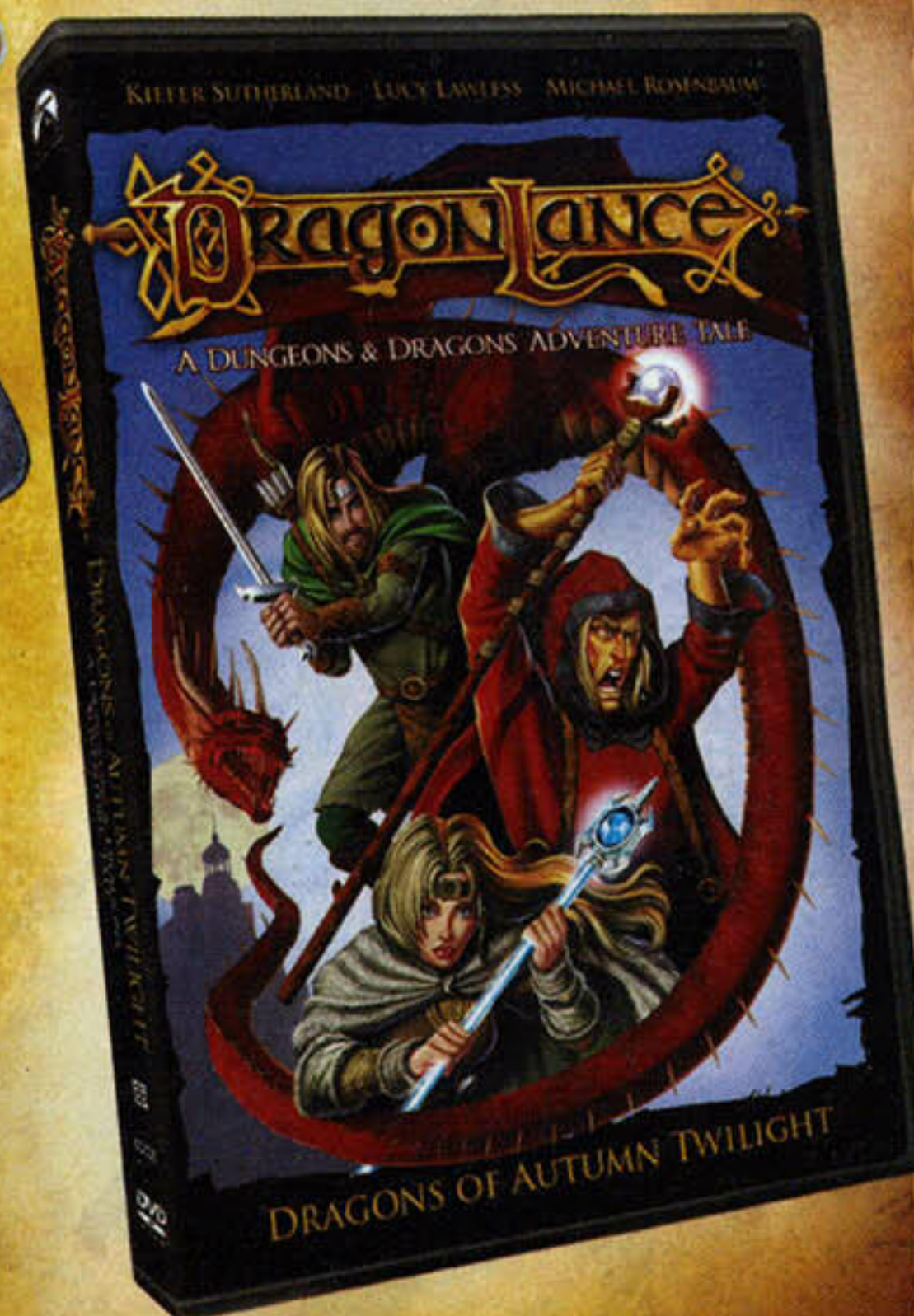
Can you find the 9 idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?



ANSWERS: 1) Alfred's hair color is changed. 2) Alfred has an extra bone on his belt. 3) Al Gore has been replaced by Rudy Giuliani (did ya catch that, Piazza?). 4) Al's tattoo is gone. 5) Bill Clinton has an extra triangle on his shirt. 6) The hole is missing from the "O" in "Clintstones." 7) Sox's name tag is different. 8) Mort Drucker's signature is reversed. 9) Bill's left foot is missing.



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HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

During the Presidential election, the field is crowded with both good and bad candidates. This time, however, one person in particular made a real mockery of the office. Being in charge of a country is no laughing matter and we're grateful this character has been taken out of the running. To find out who this joker is, fold page in as shown.



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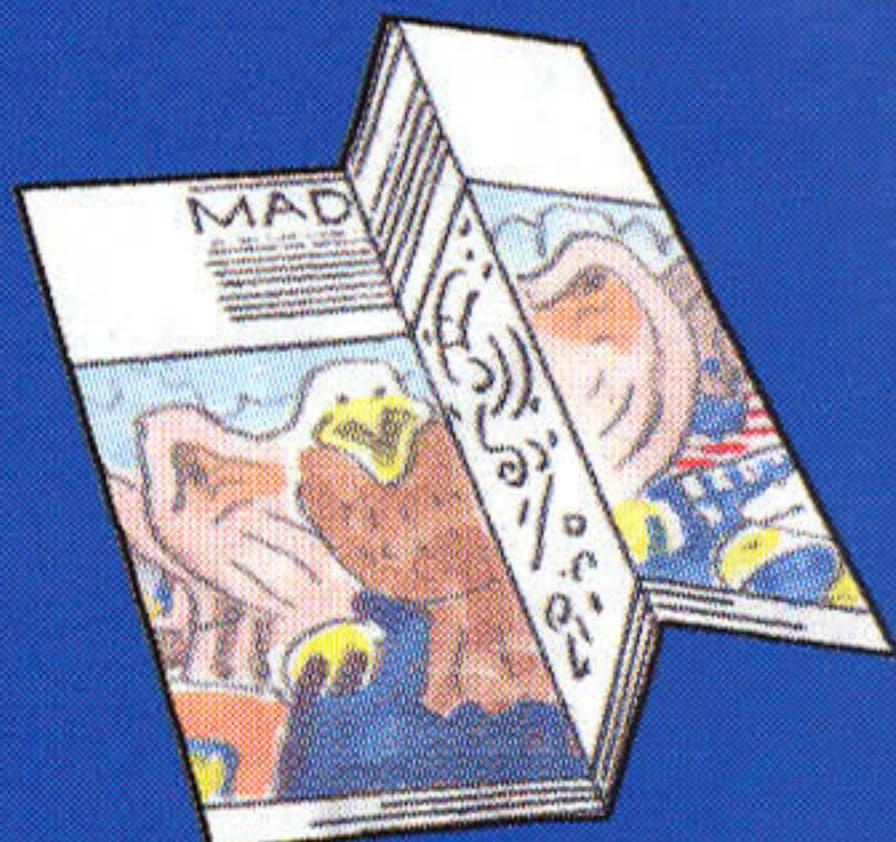
WHEN THIS GUY TOOK A GIANT
STEP TO GO FOR PRESIDENT, WE FELT A HEN
WOULD'VE BEEN A BETTER CHOICE.
COLD, SMIRKY AND SMUG, ONLY A FILBERT
IS NUTTIER THAN THIS JOKER.

A

WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

B

WHAT UNQUALIFIED,
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FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

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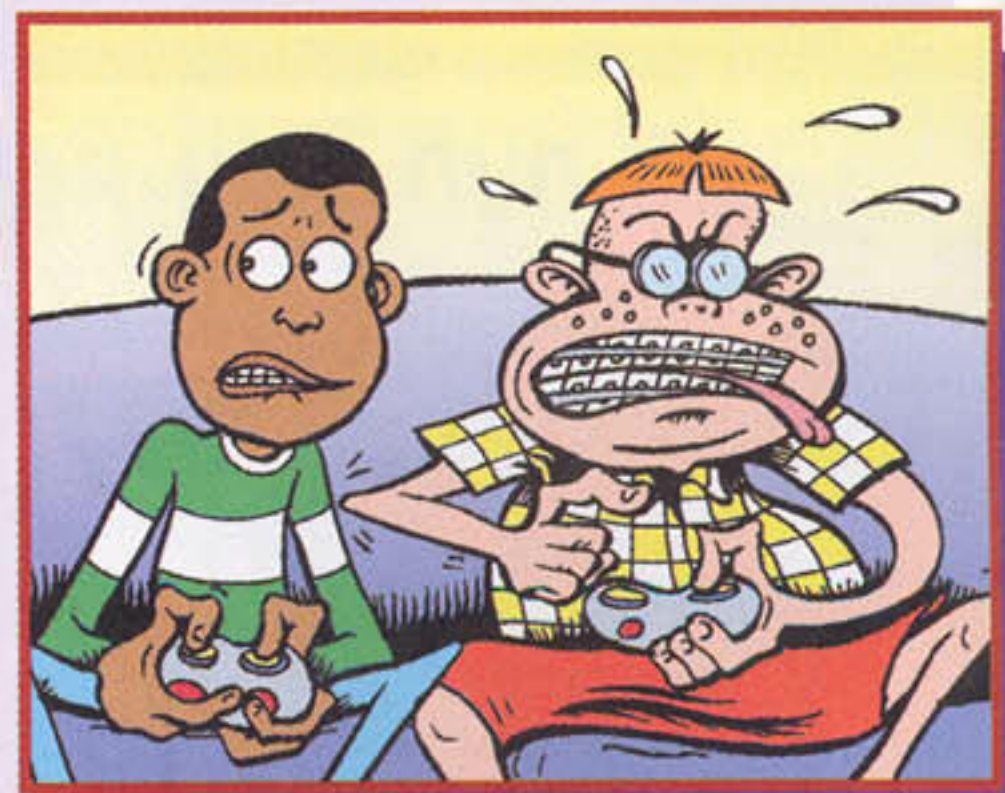
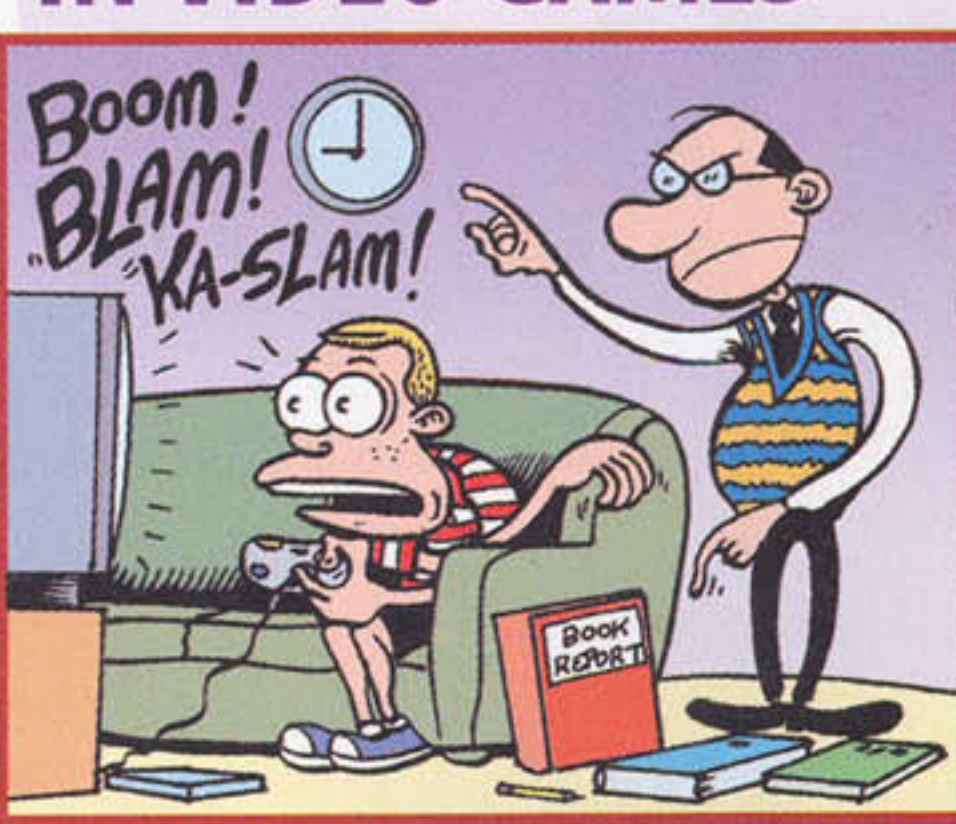


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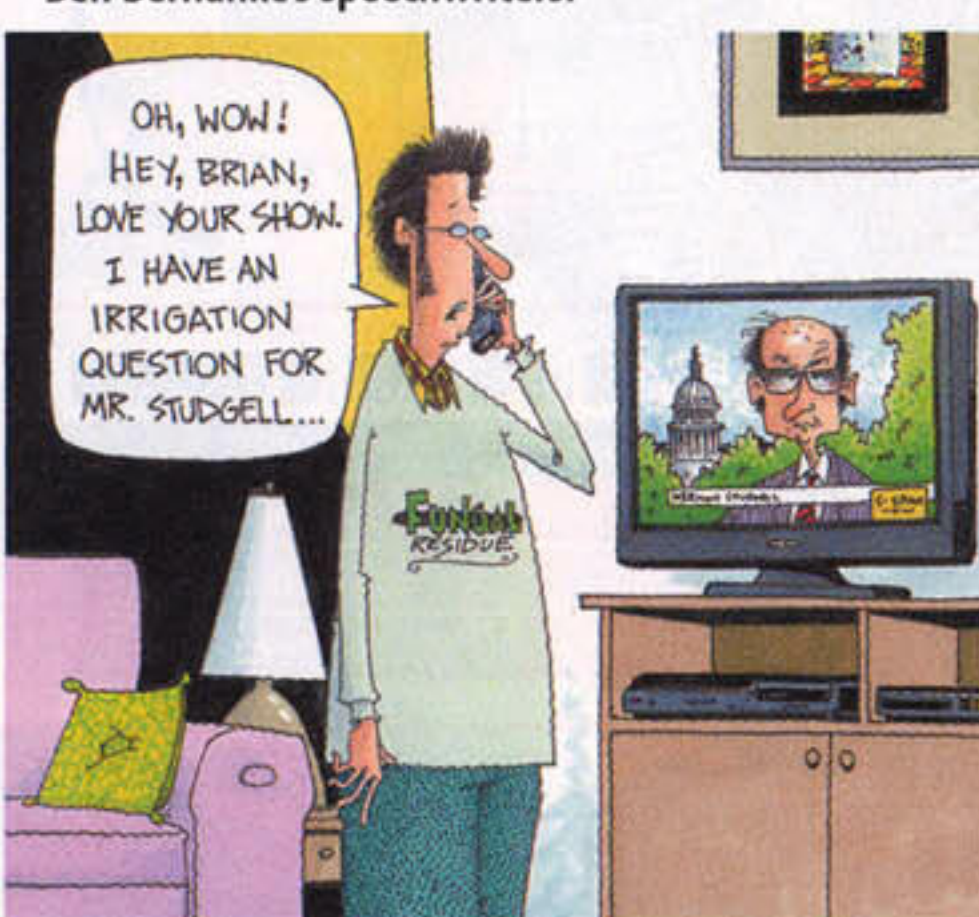
ONLY A HARDCORE CABLE NEWS JUNKIE...

...would risk serious prison time, in order to stalk Candy Crowley.

...will rave about the medium's ability to do an in-depth analysis of big stories, as he's watching a 40-minute Larry King segment with Duane "The Dog" Chapman's second cousin in Cedar Rapids.

...TiVos the 7p.m. edition of *Hardball* daily, on the slim chance that it's a different show from the one he watched two hours ago.

...is eternally grateful that the Hollywood writers strike doesn't affect Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's speechwriters.



...is flabbergasted to discover how quickly he got through to C-SPAN to ask a question of the Deputy Assistant Under Secretary of Agriculture.

...would sign up for a Berlitz course in Farsi, just so he can get the most out of those Bin Laden Al Jazeera videos.

...is torn between naming his firstborn son, Wolf or Anderson.

MEET THE '08 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

THIS MONTH DENNIS KUCINICH

- Opposes warrantless wiretapping of intergalactic visitors.
- Cites as his main qualification for being elected Commander In Chief, his longstanding mastery of *Dungeons and Dragons*.
- The most commonly asked question at his town hall meetings? "What was it like playing Eddie Munster?"
- Being that she's a former runway model with killer stems and a tongue stud, Mrs. Kucinich may well become the first First Lady to have her secret service codename scrawled on men's room walls.
- Pledges that his first act as President will be to lower all the urinals in the White House by six inches.



MODERN HEART PENDANTS



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VEY TO GO!

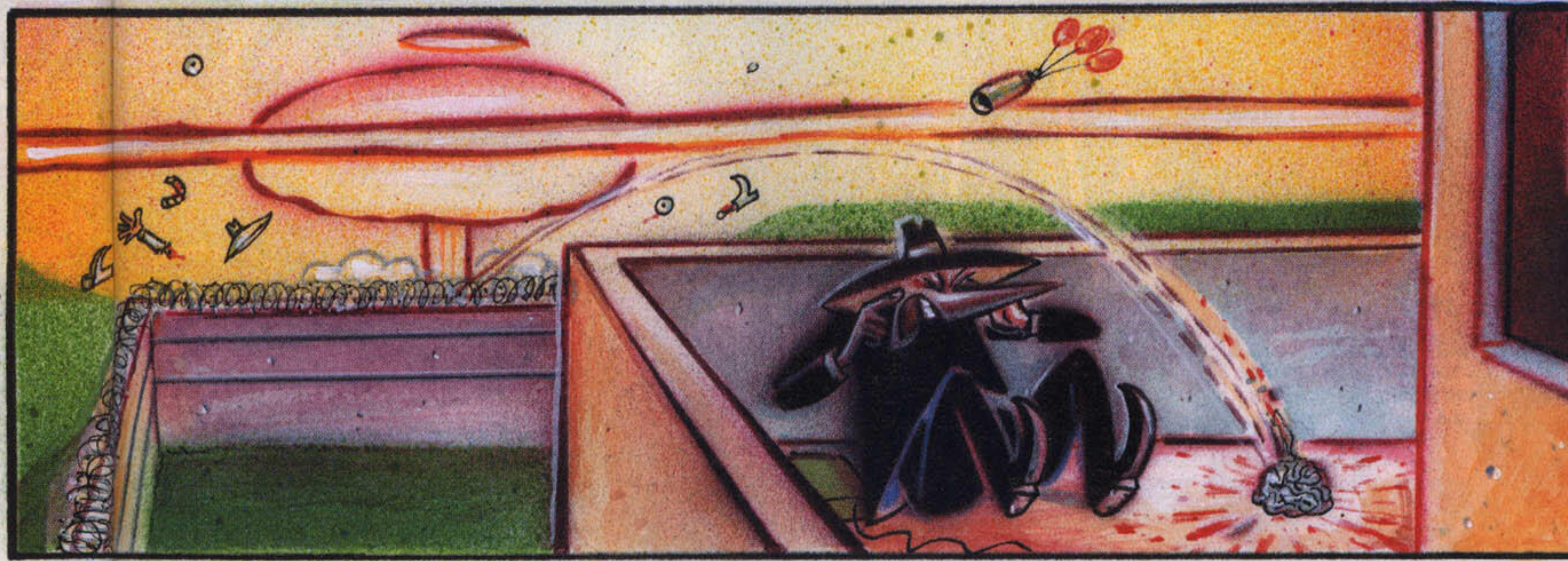
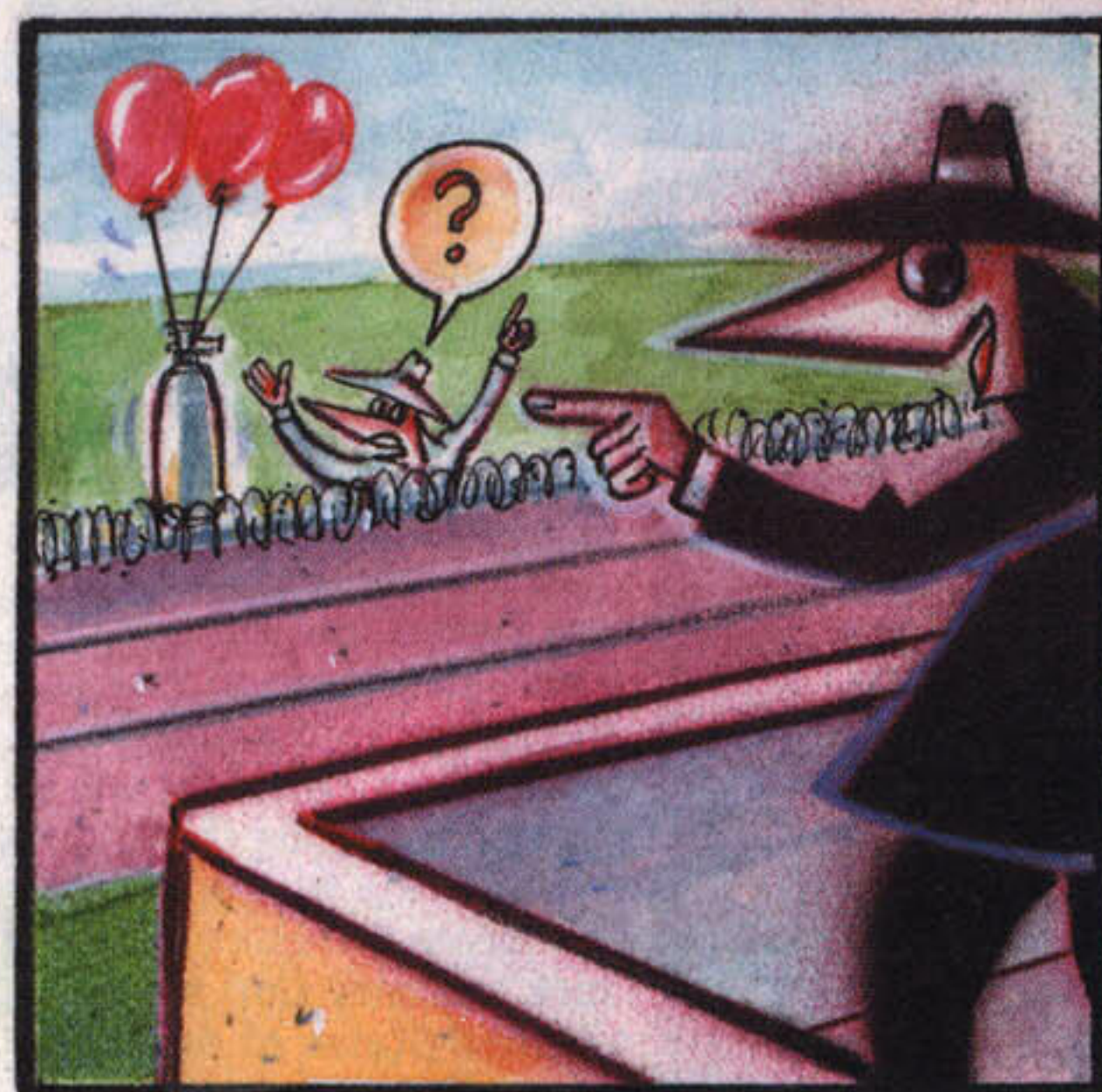
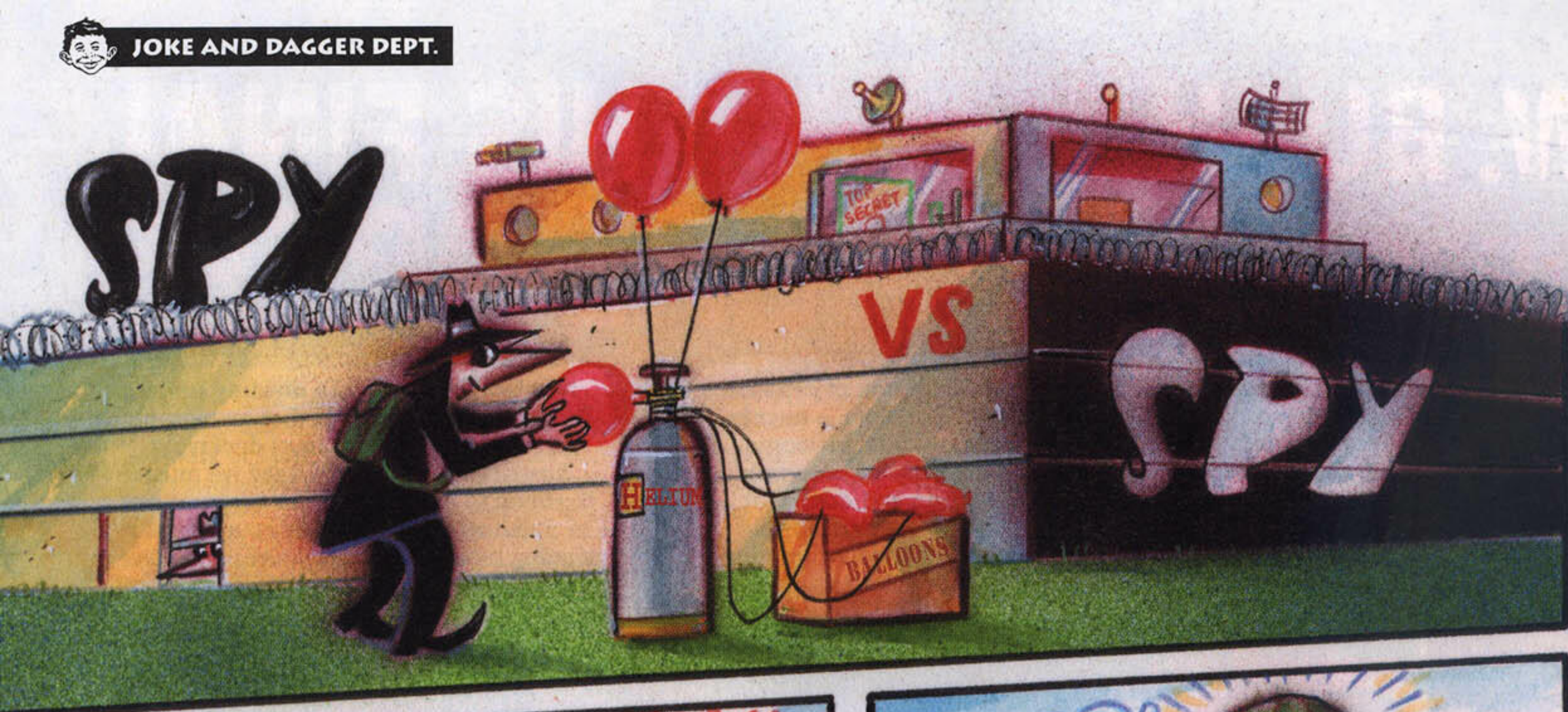


GEORGE W. BUSH "SPINS" HIS FINAL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Immigration remains a **dividing issue**. There are many who feel that **immigrants** are taking **jobs** away from **deserving Americans**. That is why I say we must **continue** to allow **American corporations** to **outsource jobs** to **other countries**. By sending those jobs **away**, immigrants have no **incentive** to come **here** and take them!

As I said at the **beginning** of this **address**, I look to the **future**, and I'm a **leader** who **continues** to look to the **future** — to a **time** when some **other President** will be **stuck** trying to **dig** this country **out** of the **friggin' mess** I've created! Thank you, **good luck** and may **God bless** the **United States of America!**
I'm **outta here!**

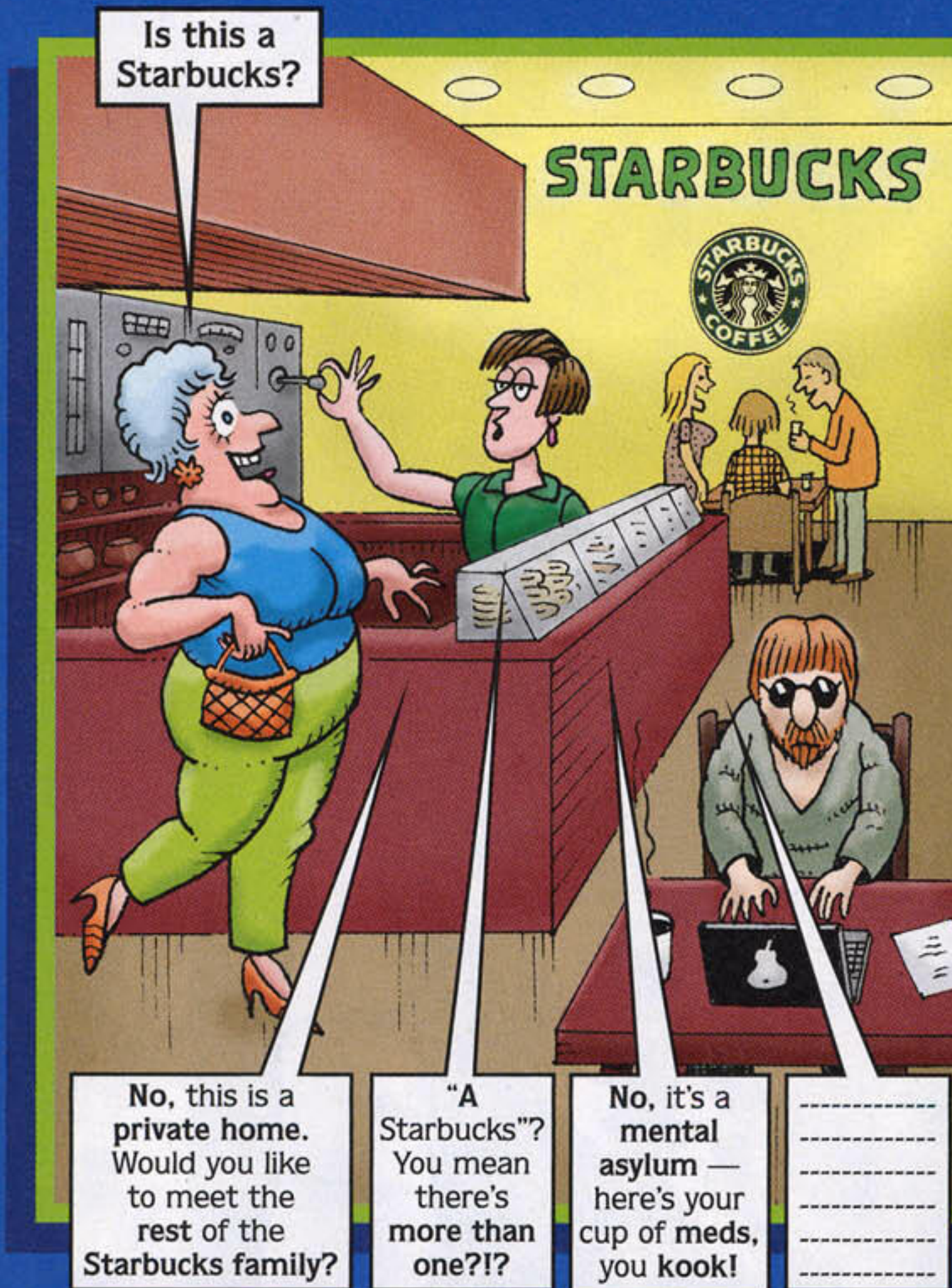
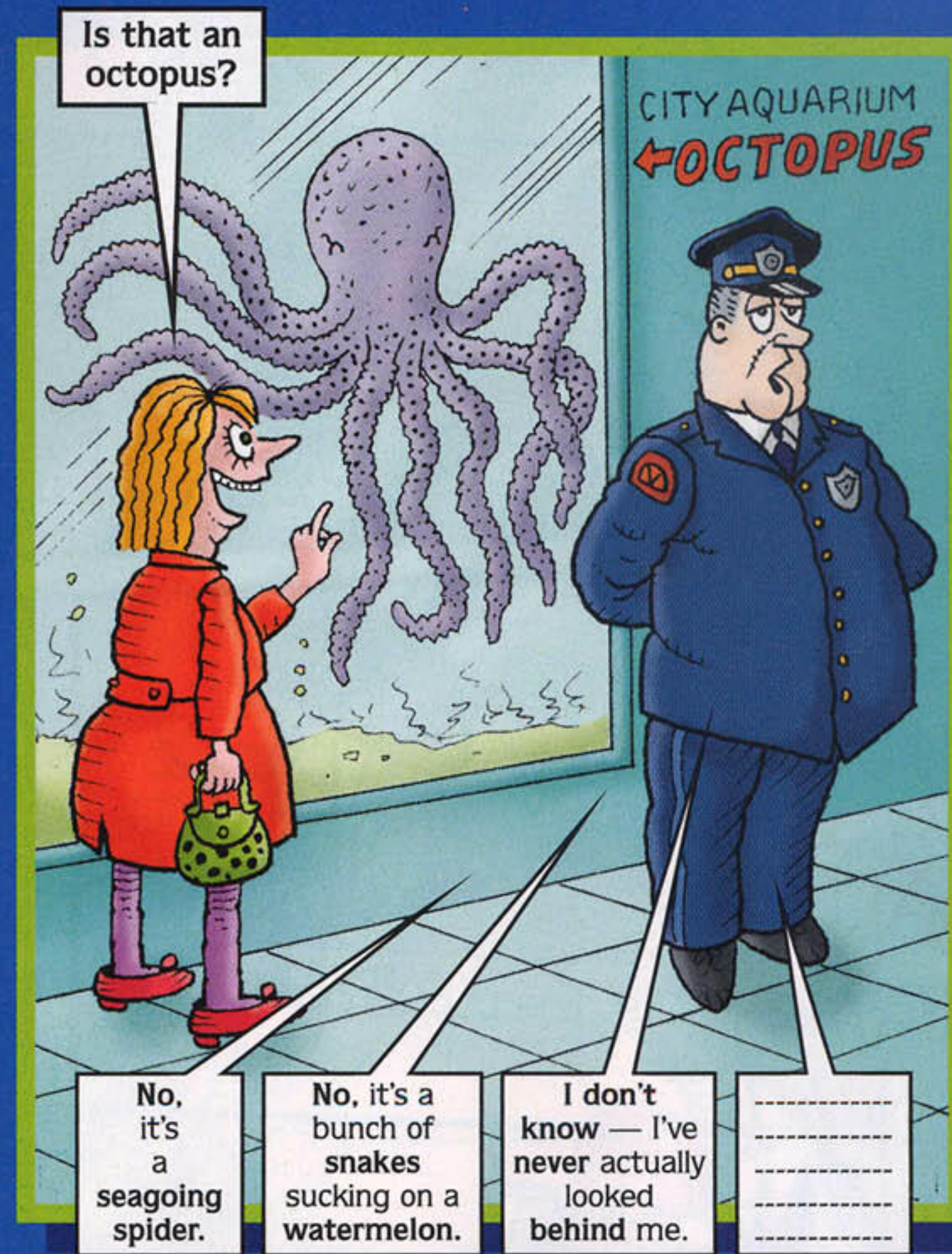
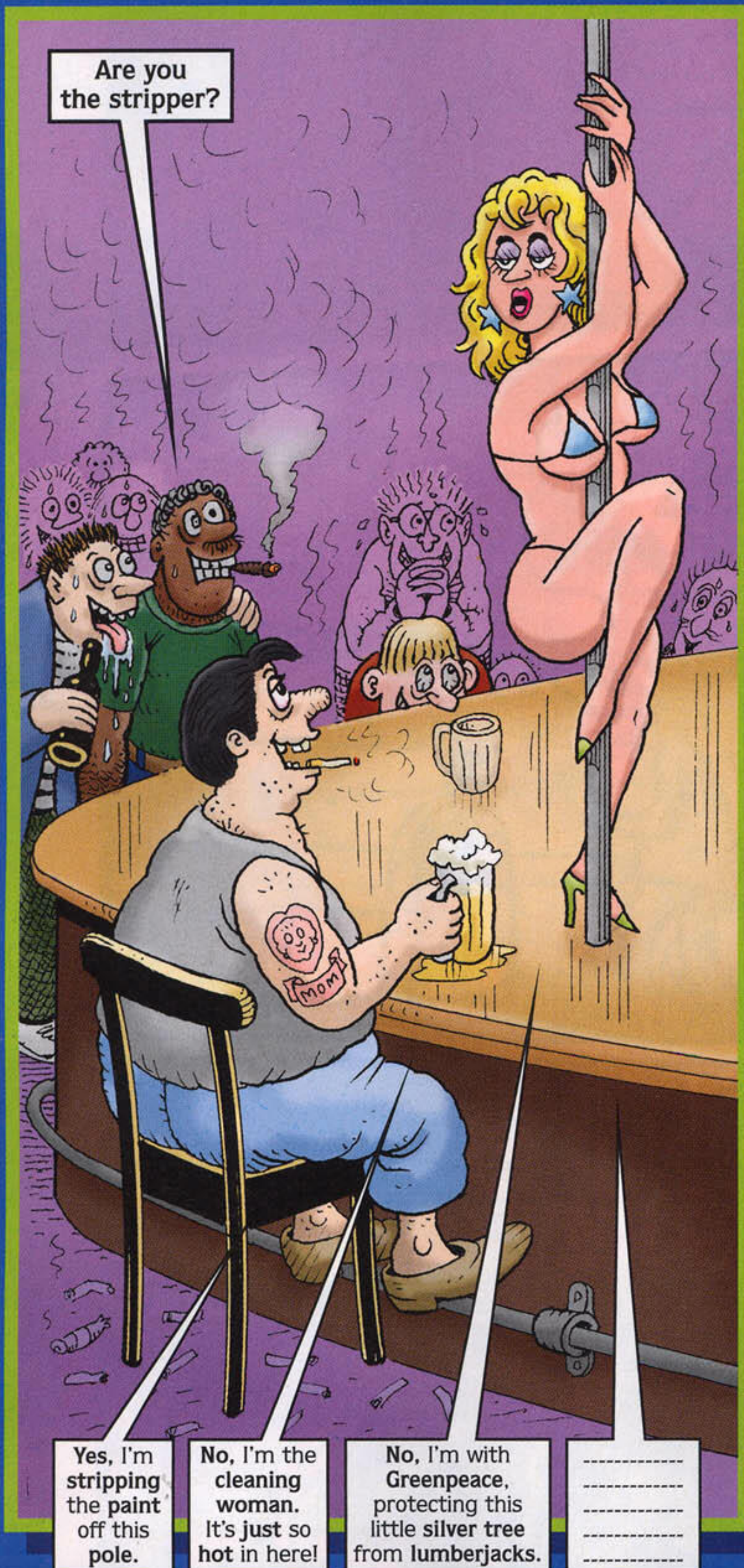
SPY



Is this the introduction to Al Jaffee's *Snappy Answers to Stupid Questions*? Yes. Yes, it is. (Sorry that answer

wasn't snappy — Al doesn't write the intros!)

SNAPPY ANSWERS TO STUPID QUESTIONS

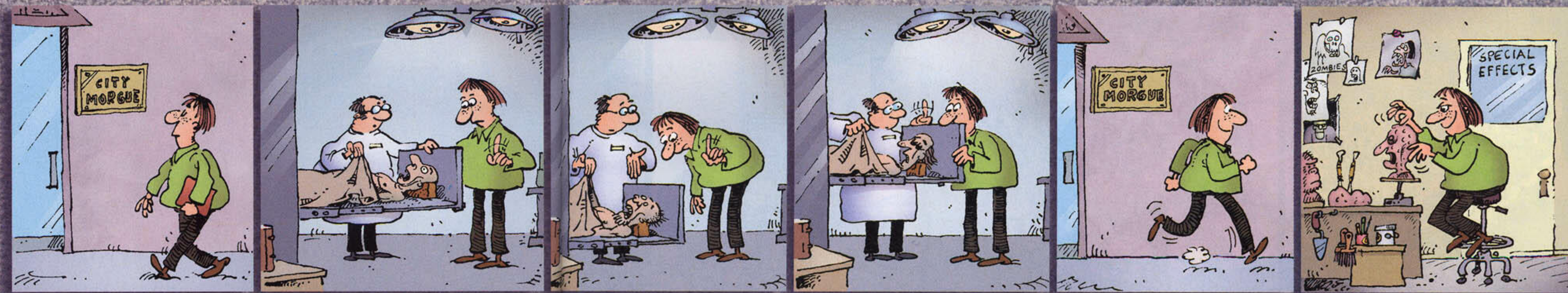
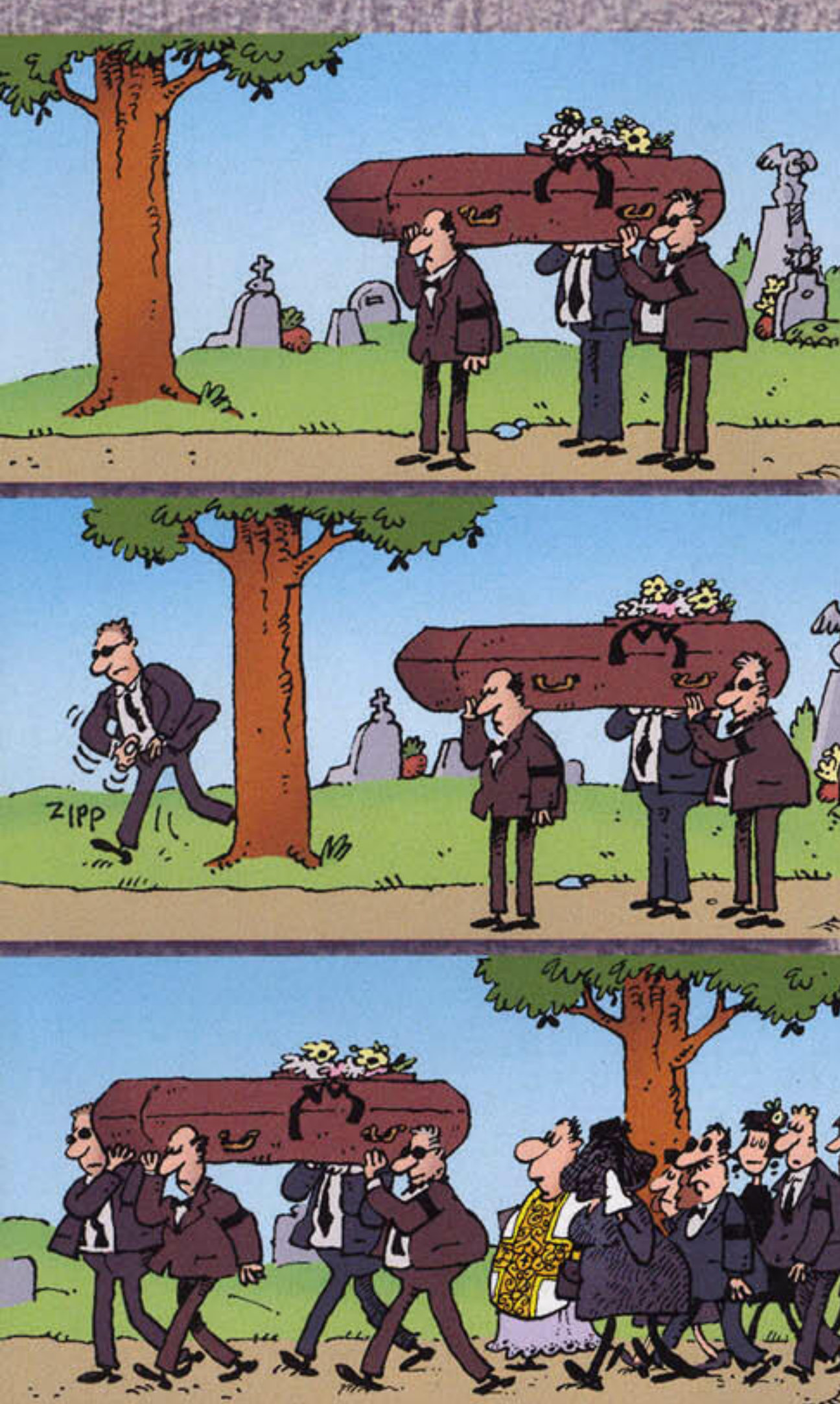


Ignore the Candidates, Save the World.

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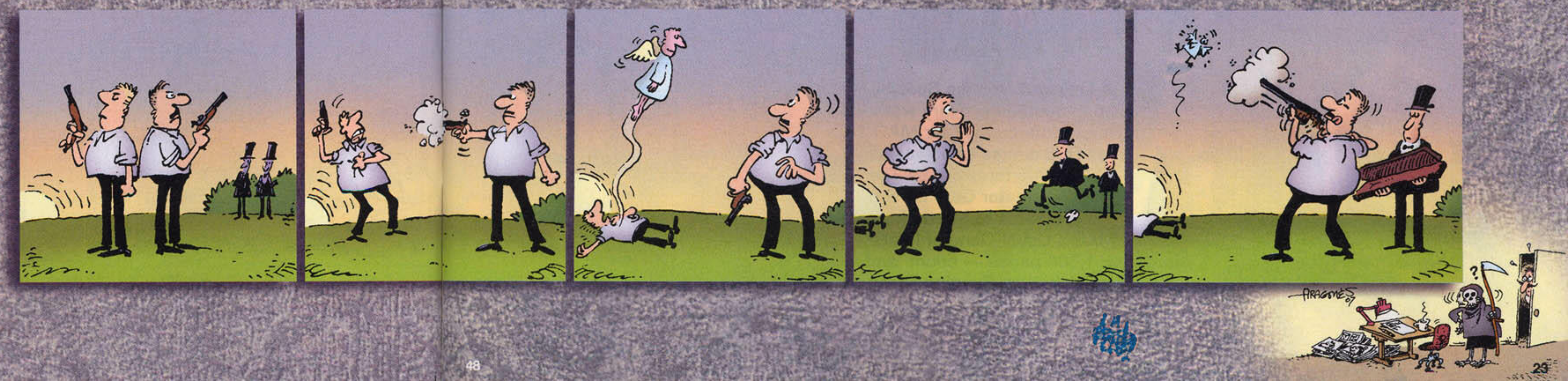
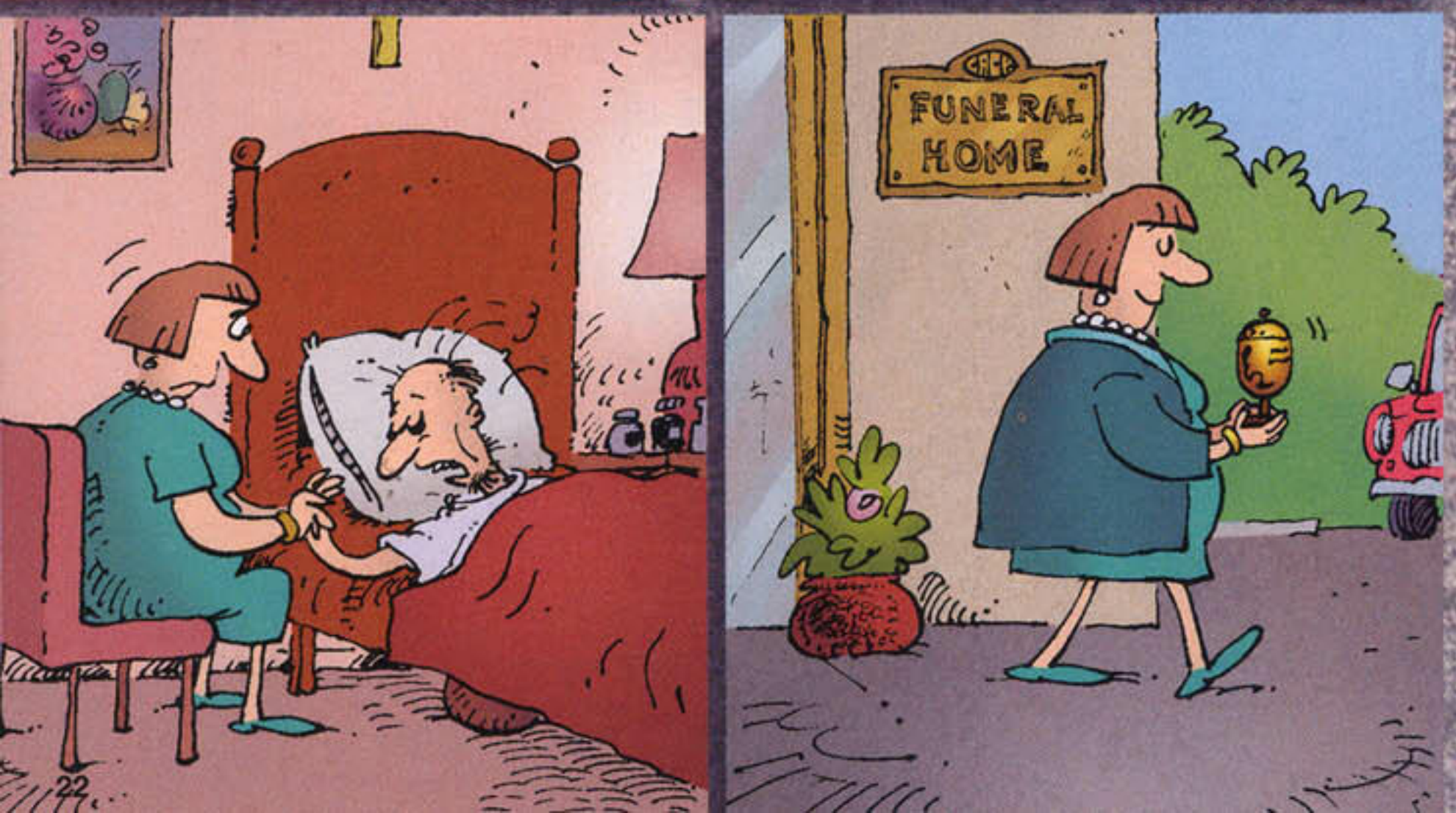
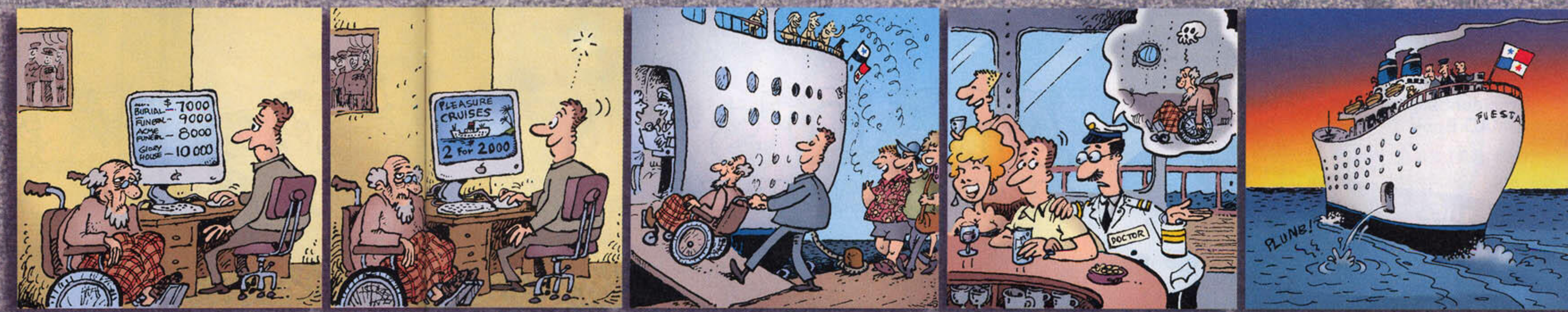
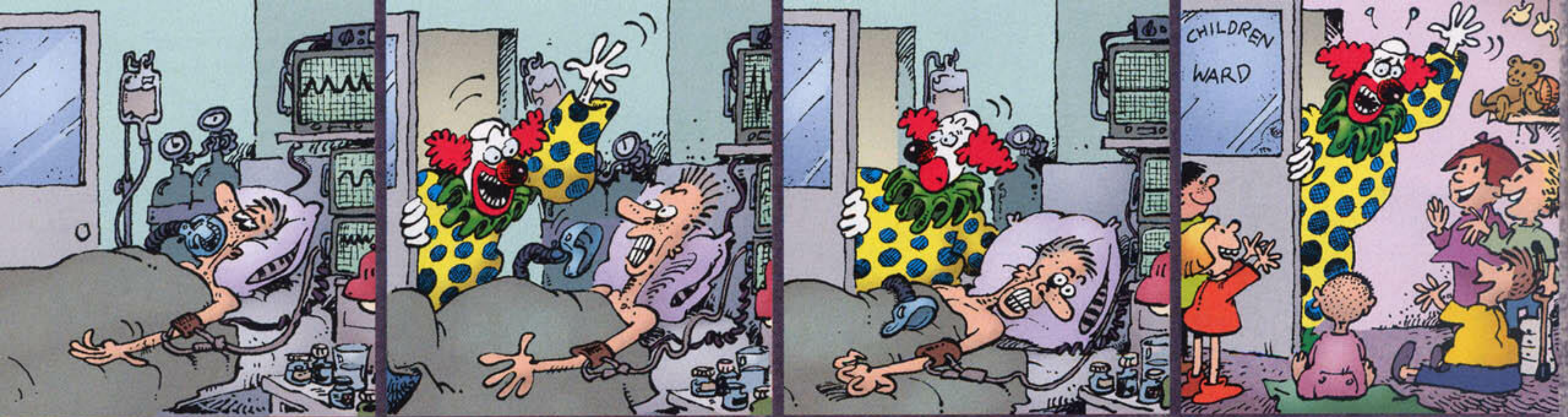
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GET TO KNOW THE WHITEST KIDS U' KNOW...

The Whitest Kids U' Know began when Trevor Moore met Sam Brown while making the rounds at local comedy clubs in New York City. They discovered they both went to the School of Visual Arts and lived in the same dorm. Later they discovered they were also identical twins and even had the same parents. The two decided to start a comedy troupe. Soon Zach Cregger joined them followed by Timmy Williams and lastly Darren Trumeter. The five performers put on shows that would fill their venue to capacity and it soon became clear they needed a place bigger than the dorm closet they were using.

The Whitest Kids U' Know have become one of the most successful features on collegehumor.com, right behind "Girl with enormous breasts takes off her top" and "Guys drinking beer watch girl with enormous breasts take off her top." So far they have two Emmys and one Tony, stolen from Allison Janney, Kelsey Grammer and the widow of Jerry Orbach, respectively. What lies ahead for The Whitest Kids U' Know? Possibly prison.

TREVOR MOORE

At the age of 12, Trevor Moore became the world's youngest published cartoonist with his book *SCRAPS*. By age 13 he was pretty much washed up in the business. Ever the optimist, Trevor preferred to think of himself as the world's youngest business failure. By age 16 Trevor was on top again, but had learned a valuable lesson: cartooning is not a steady, reliable career. So he took a bus to L.A. to pursue a safer and steadier occupation: stand-up comedy. At 19 he signed a contract to write and produce a weekly sketch comedy program called *The Trevor Moore Show*. For six months he conducted an exhaustive search for someone to be the star of the show before finally settling on himself. It was an unbelievable stroke of showbiz coincidence that he and the show shared a name! The rest is history. And we know how boring history is, so let's move on!

ZACH CREGGER

Zach Cregger was raised in Arlington, Virginia which was very inconvenient since he lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The daily commute took a toll on both his health and his school grades, but he racked up unbelievable frequent flier miles on seven different airlines. As a kid, Zach was interested in music, acting and saying the word "pomegranate" in Spanish. He failed at the first two, but now teaches an accredited college course in the pronunciation of unusual fruits. We'll leave it at that.

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO
ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA

SAM BROWN

Sam Brown grew up in the small Cape Cod town of Sandwich, Massachusetts where he could frequently be found playing football and chess. Unfortunately, Sam had trouble telling the games apart. This often resulted in injuries both to himself and the other chess players. In one instance, Sam raced 75 yards down the field with what he thought was the winning touchdown only to discover he was only carrying a rook. At his local cable access station, Sam and four of his friends started a variety show called *TV Galactic*, which quickly became the highest rated TV show that had that name.

DARREN TRUMETER, JR.

Darren grew up as a military brat. According to Darren, he lived in numerous cities around the United States, including Germany. (If you ever meet Darren, don't ask him any questions about geography.) He started acting at the age of nine and has appeared in over 40 plays. Darren has no real love of the theatre; he appears in the plays simply to avoid having to pay for a ticket. At night Darren spends time with a loving wife and two kids. That will end when the wife's husband comes back from a long business trip.

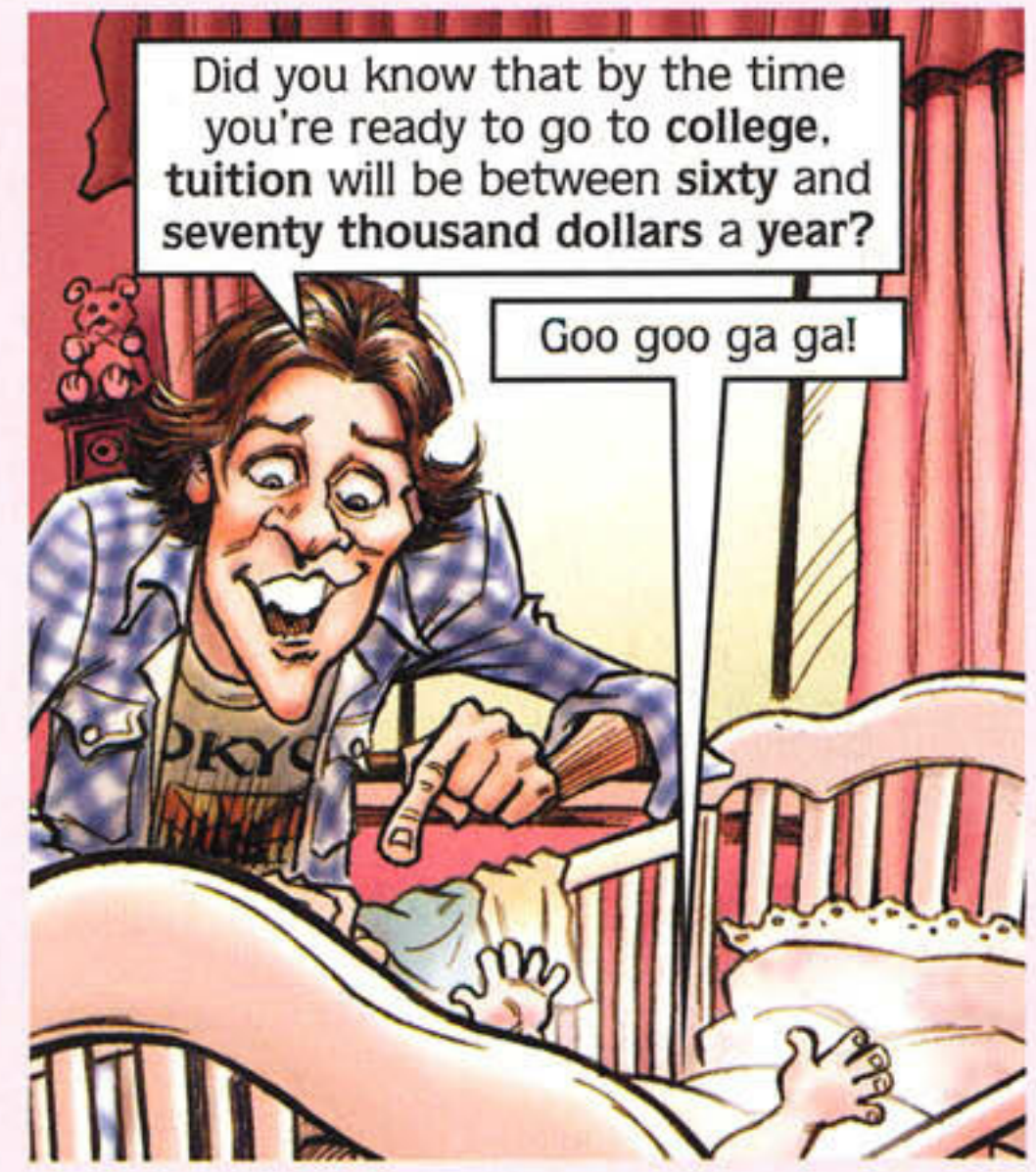
TIMMY WILLIAMS

Timmy is from Watertown, South Dakota. He moved to New York in August 2001 to attend film school. To supplement his income while attending school, he got a job at Blockbuster Video rewinding DVDs. It was a thankless task. And a useless one too, but don't try to convince Timmy of that. Timmy is a loner who lives in Brooklyn with 5 cats, 3 dogs, 2 roommates and his parents. Timmy is the world's worst loner.

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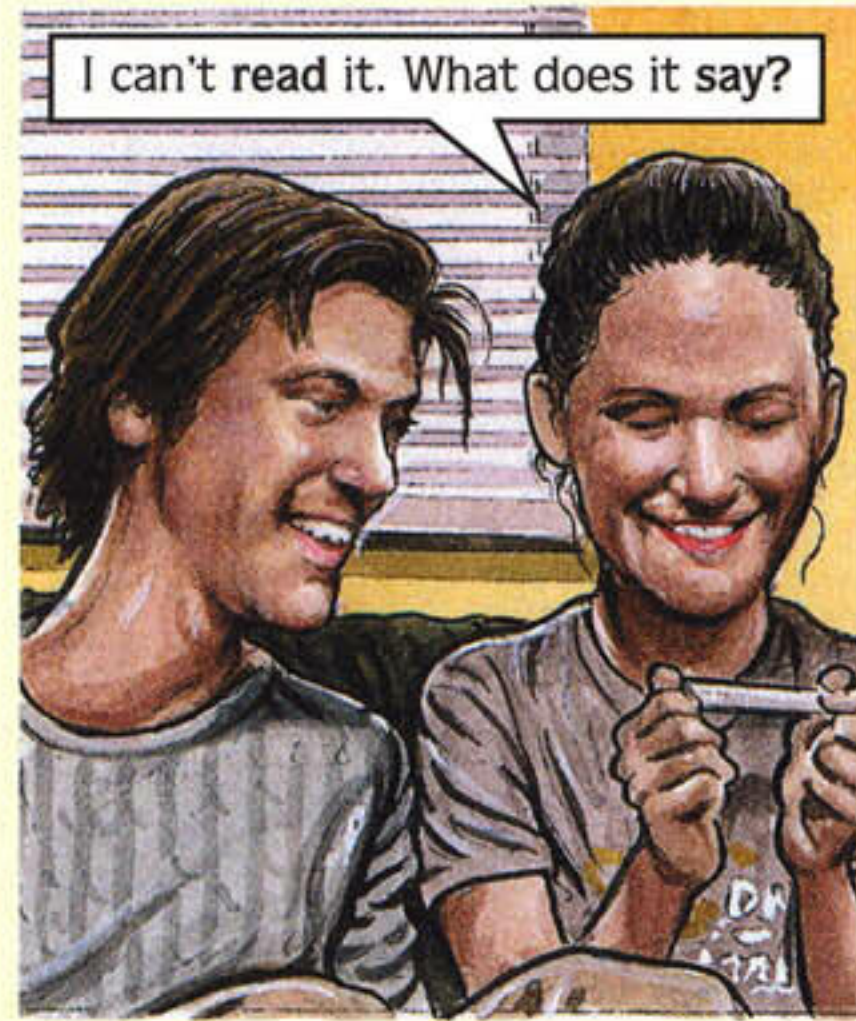
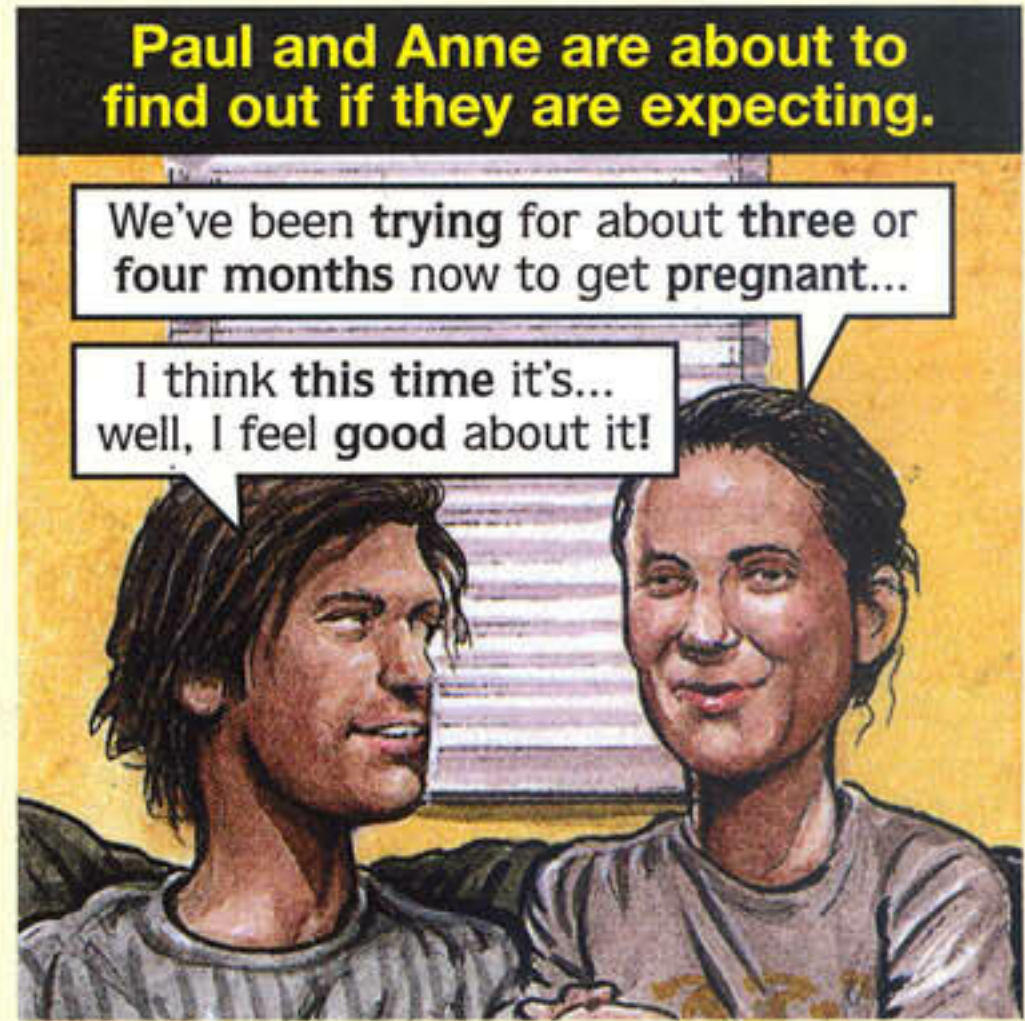
"scaring babies!"



ARTIST: JACK SYRACUSE

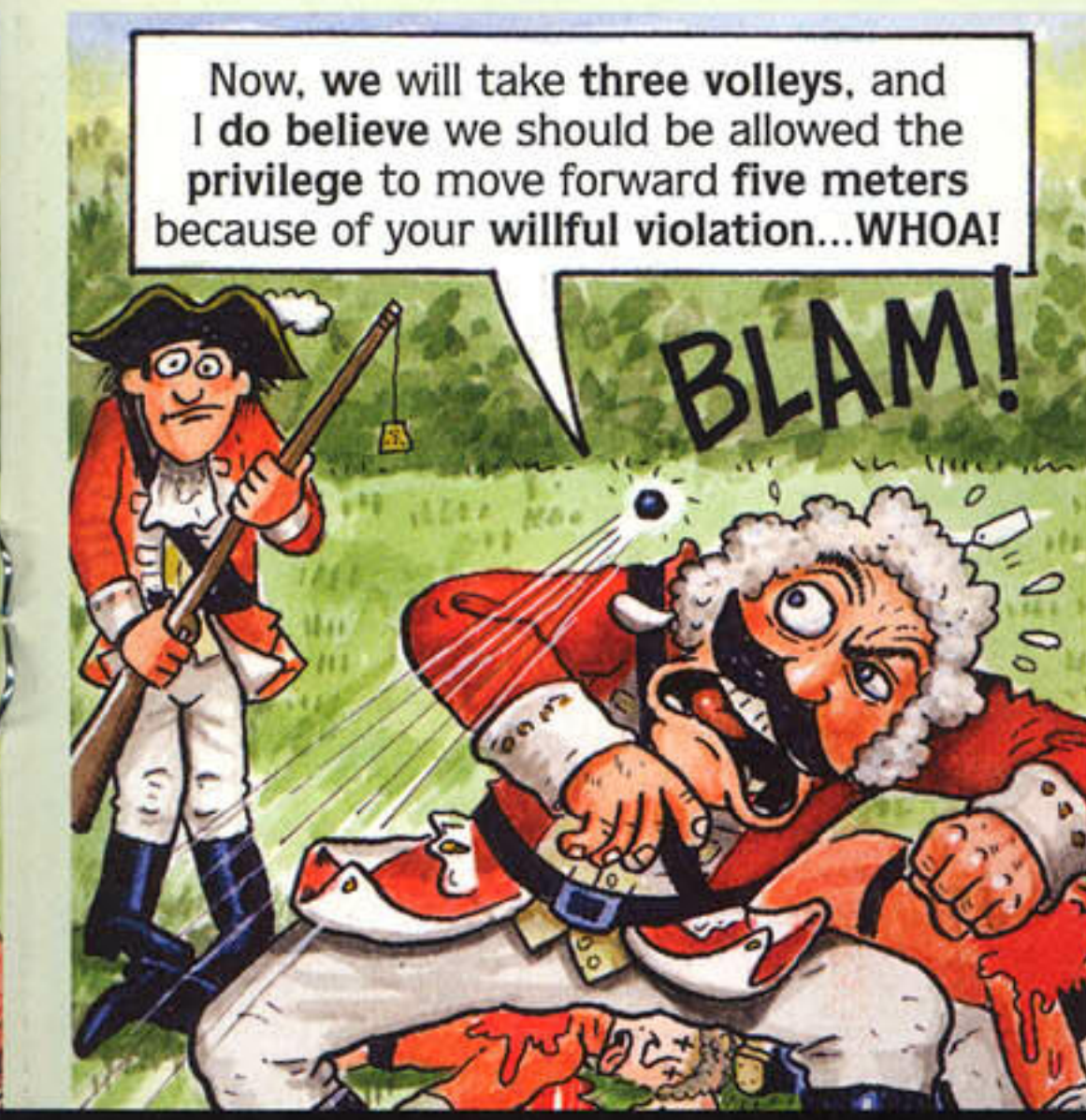
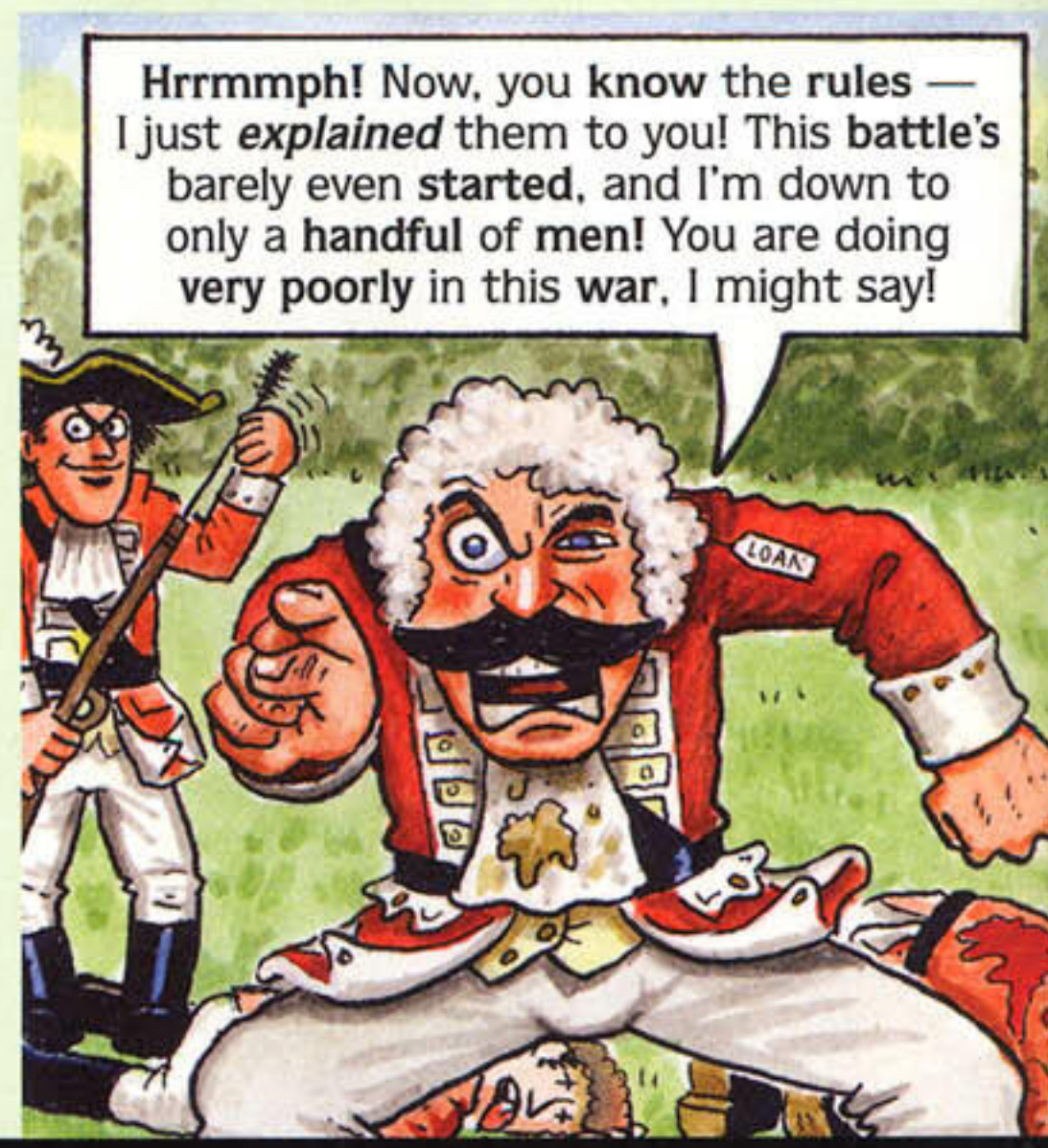
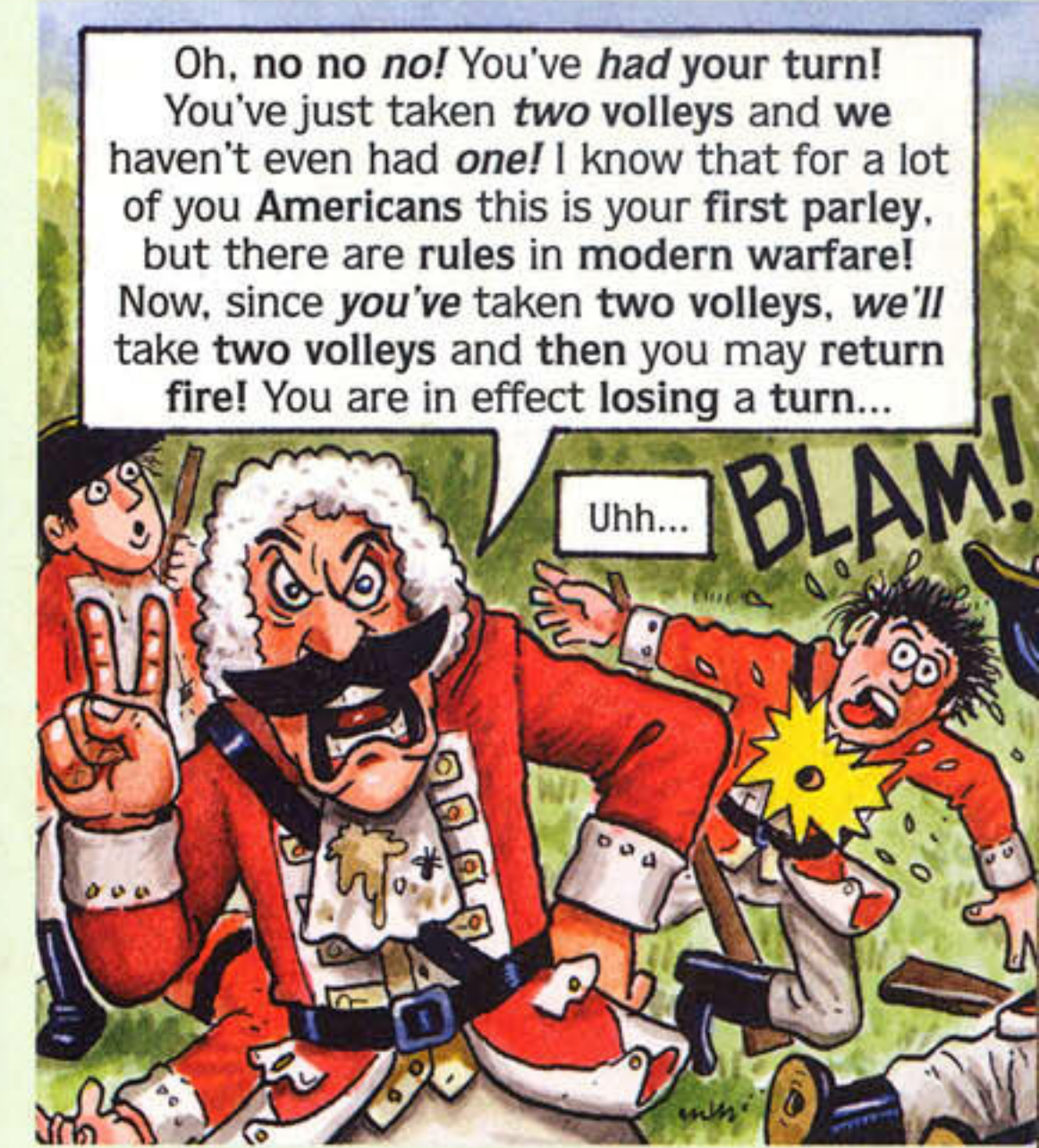
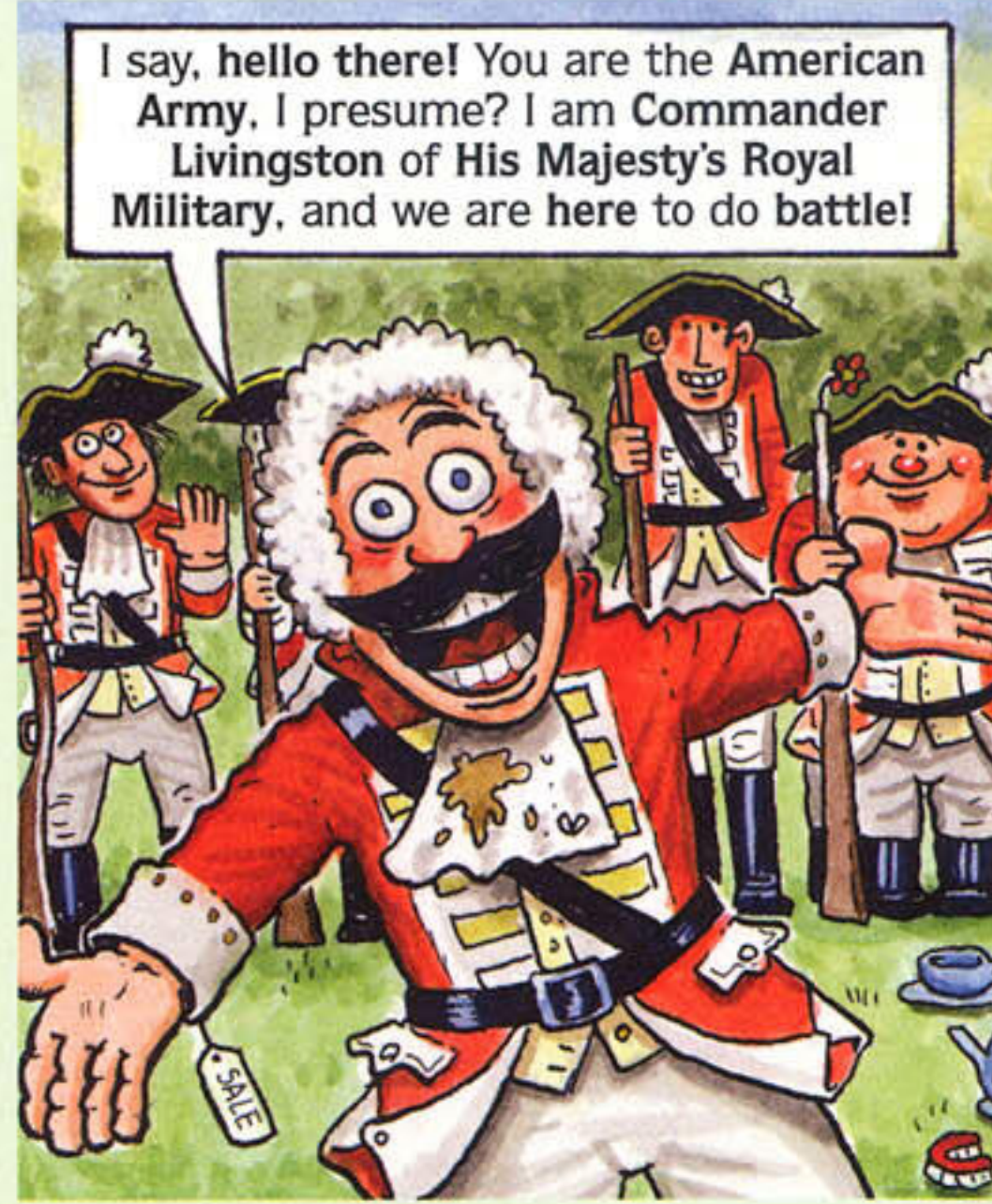
"the pregnancy test"

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN



"polite war"

ARTIST: TOM BUNK



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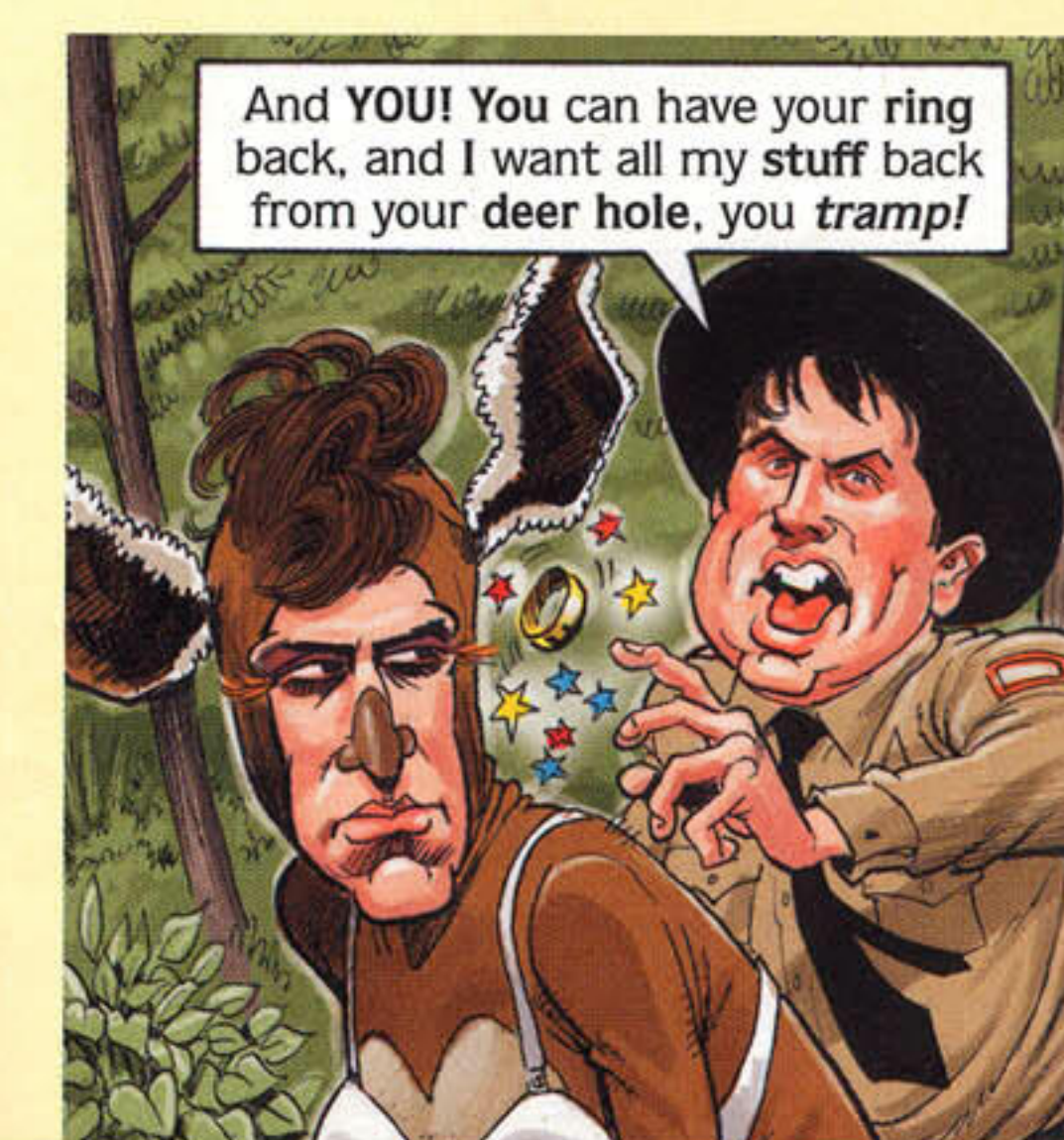
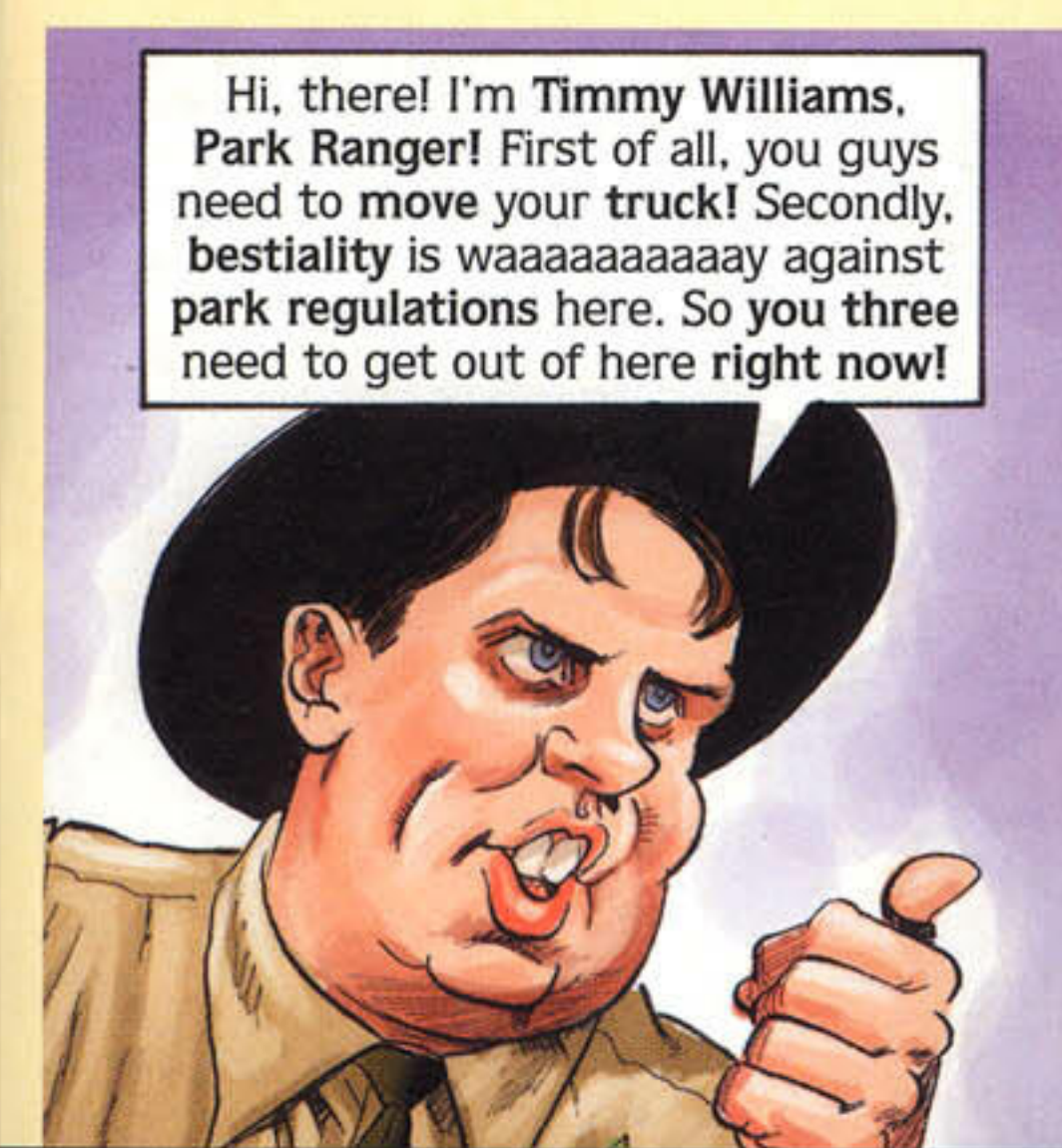
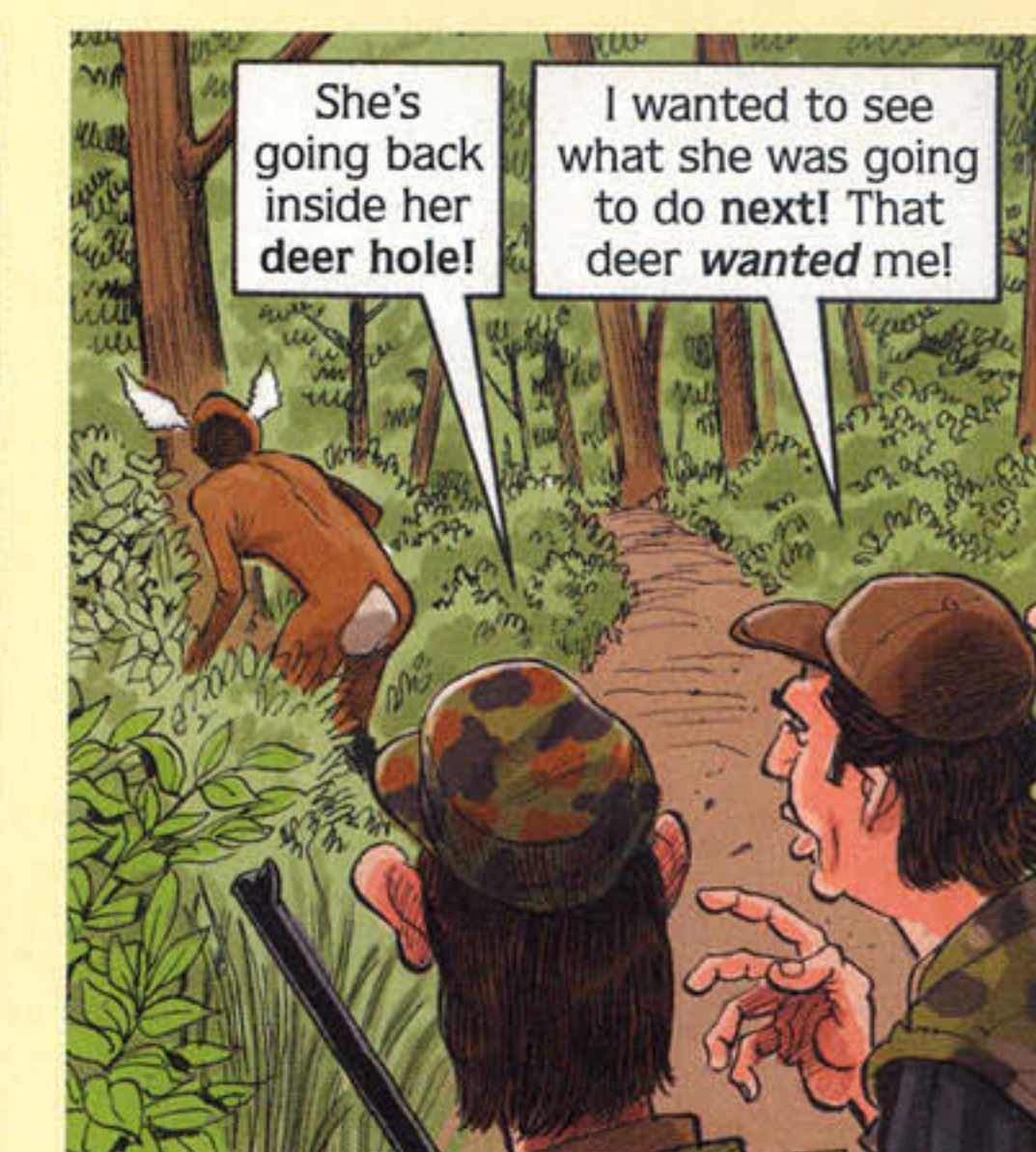
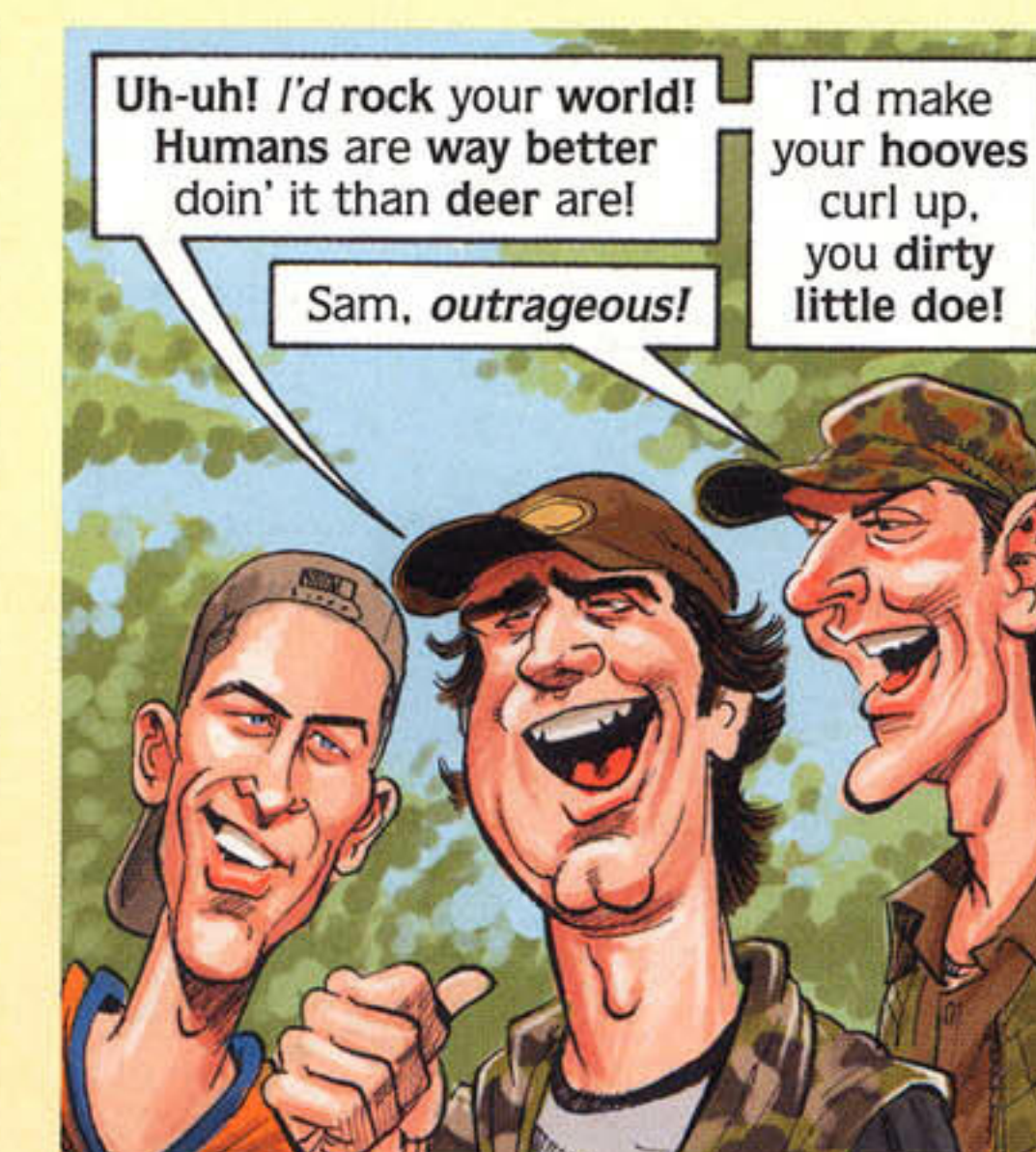
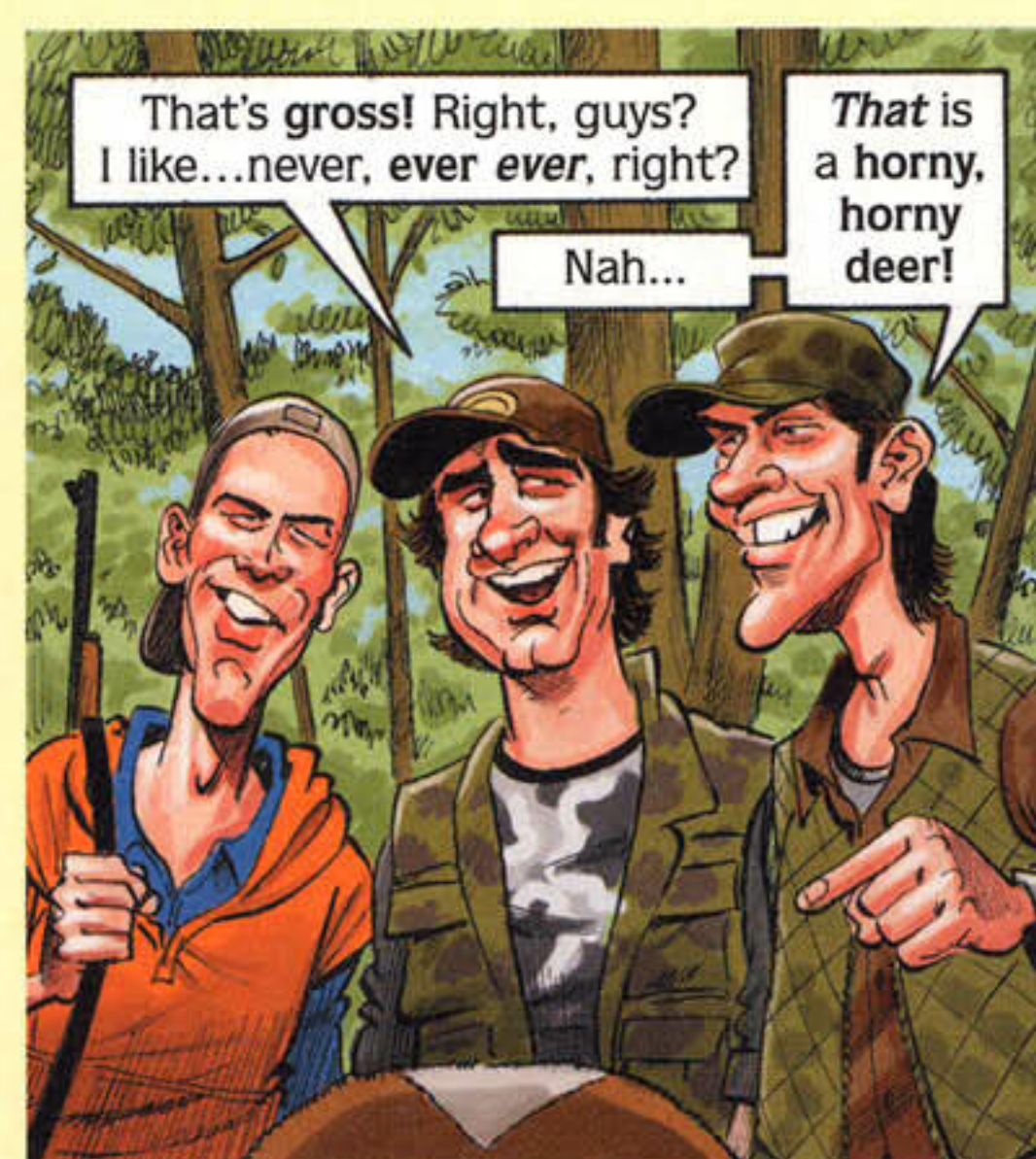
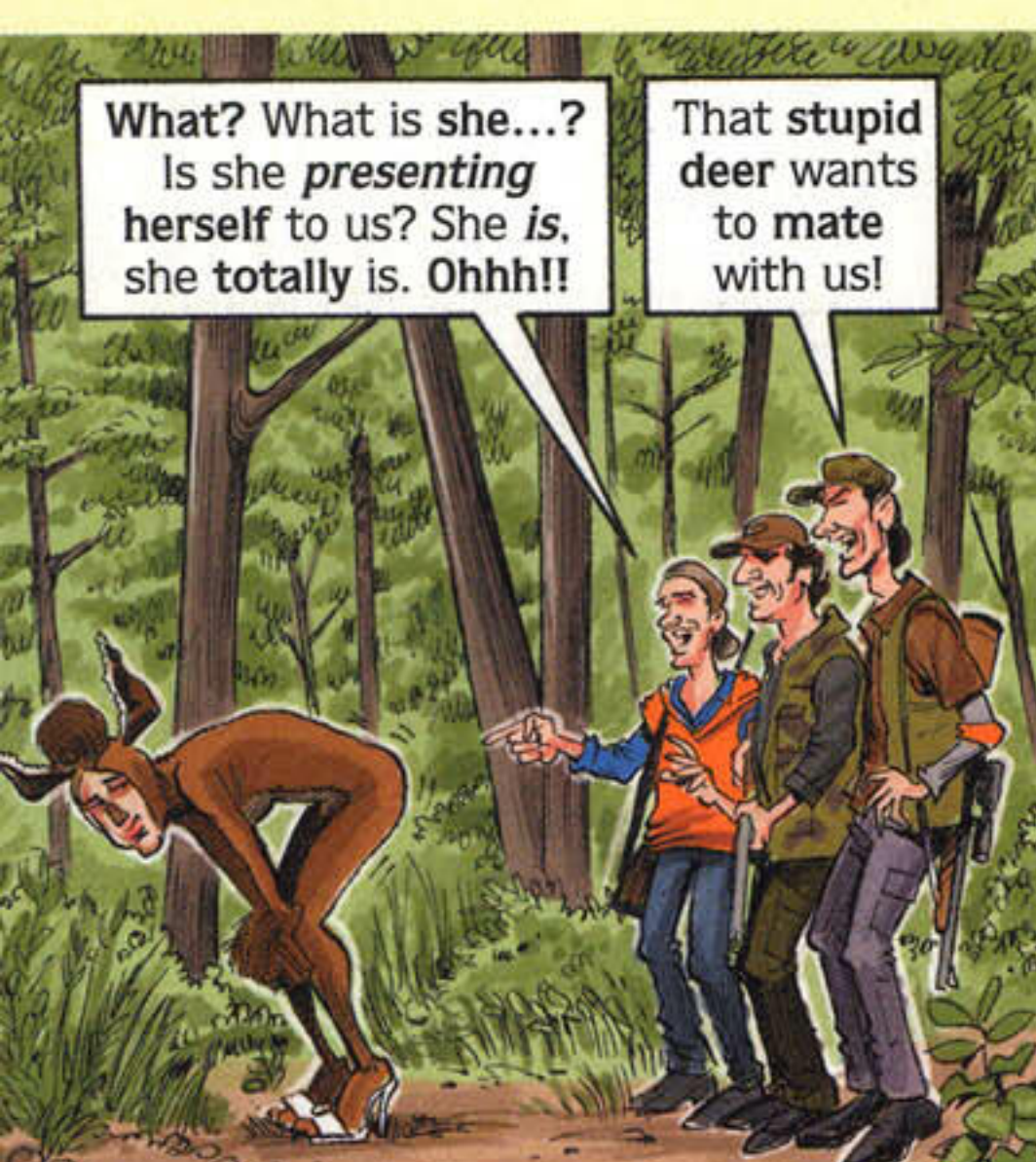
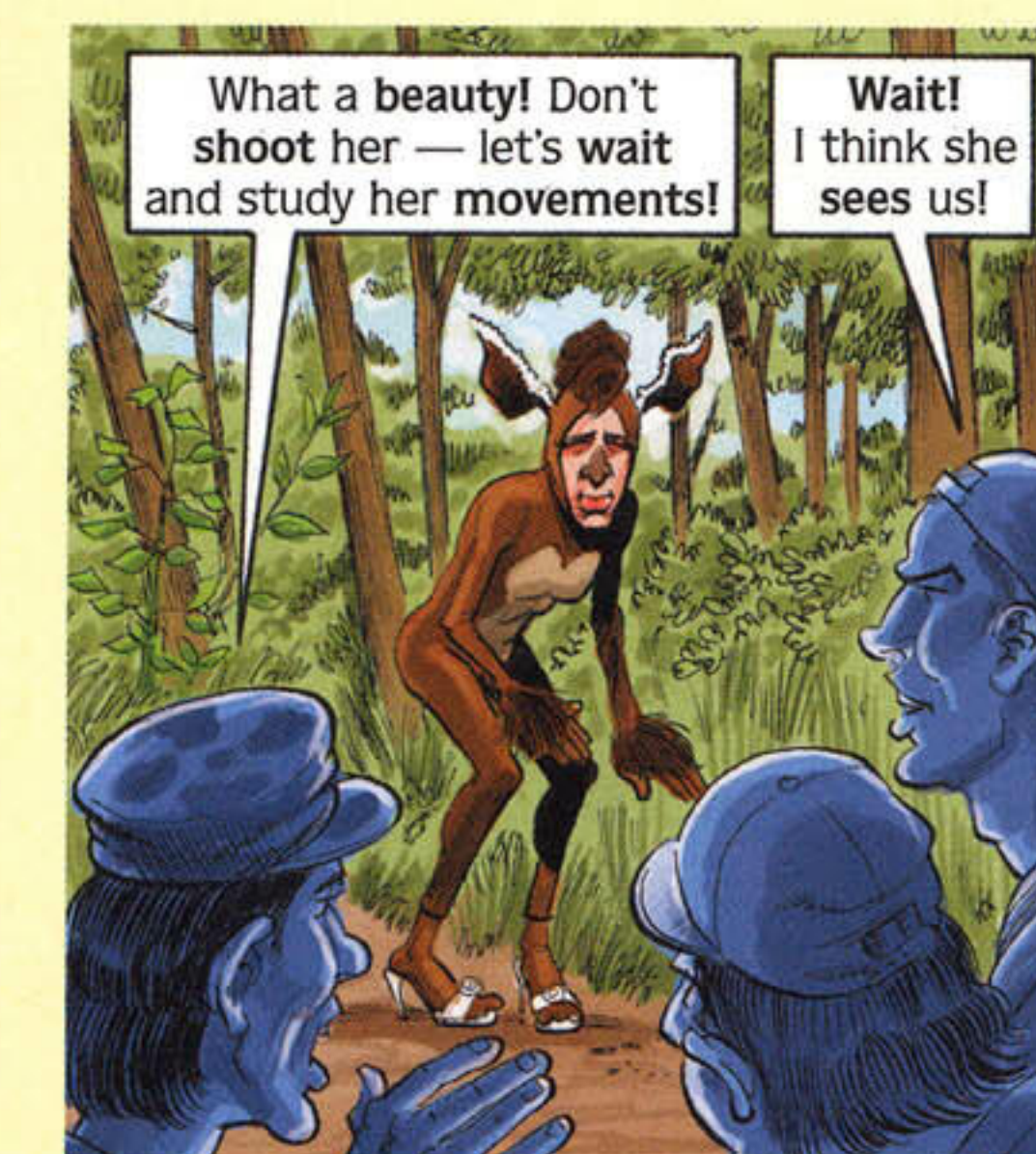
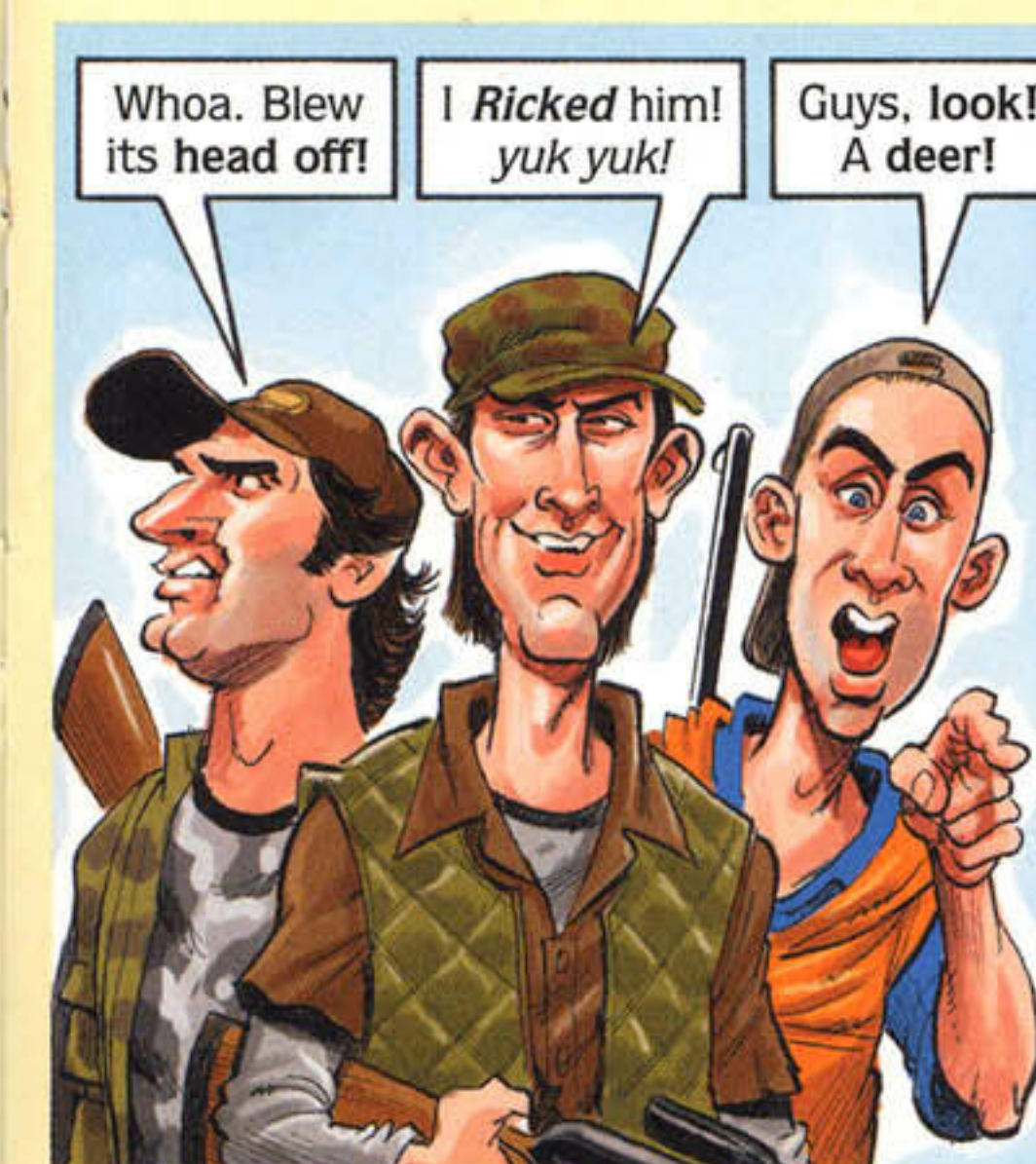
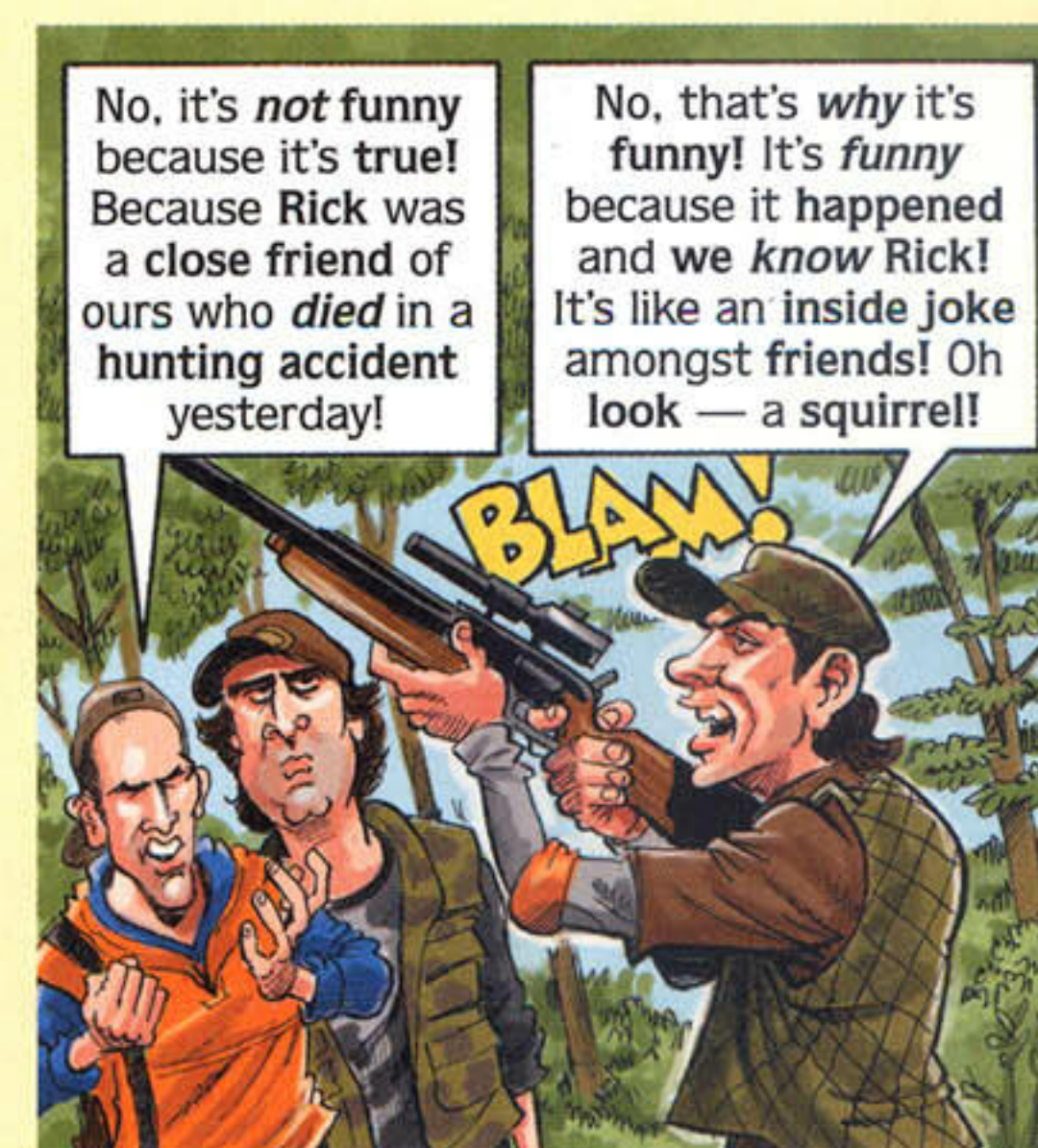
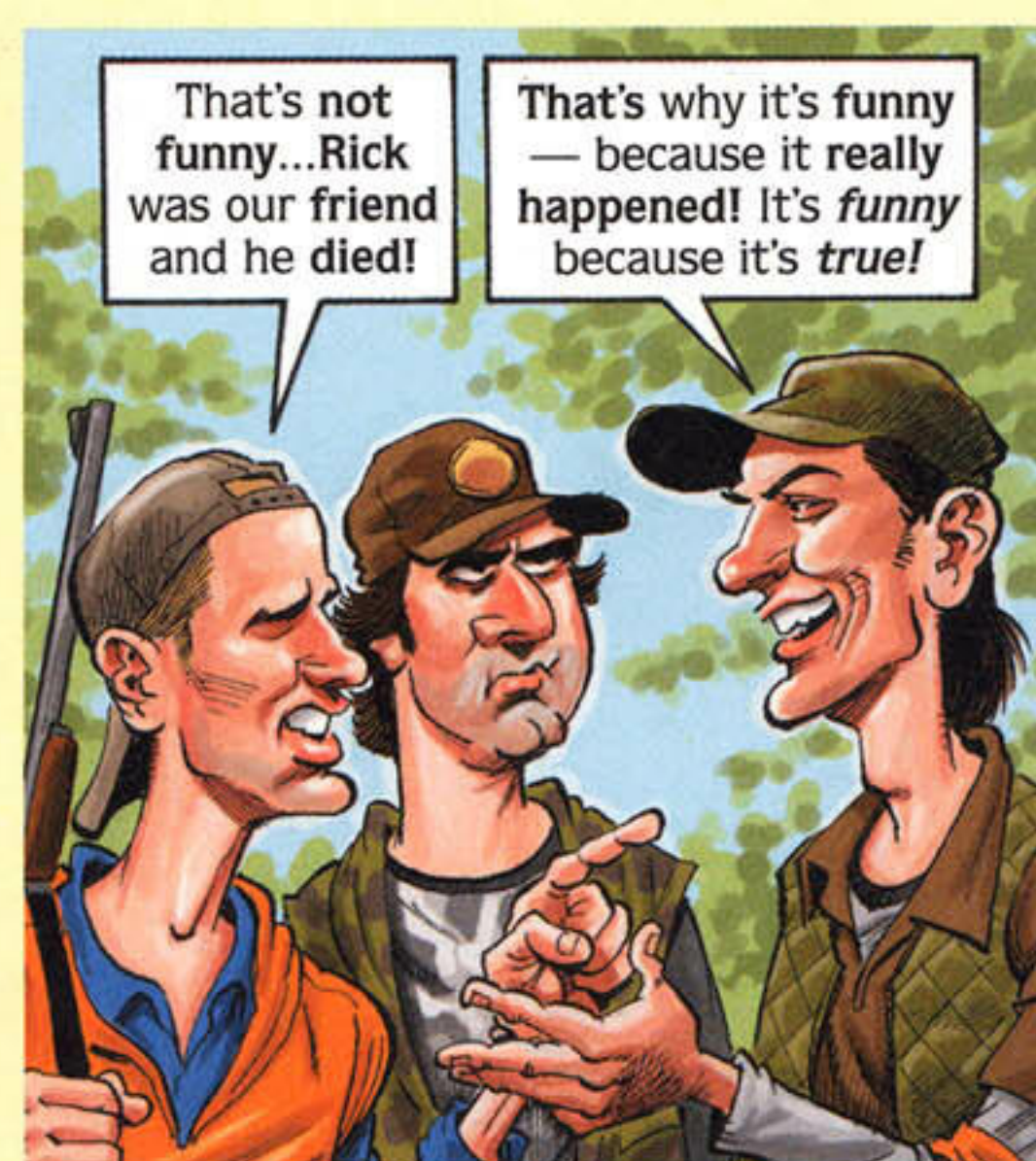
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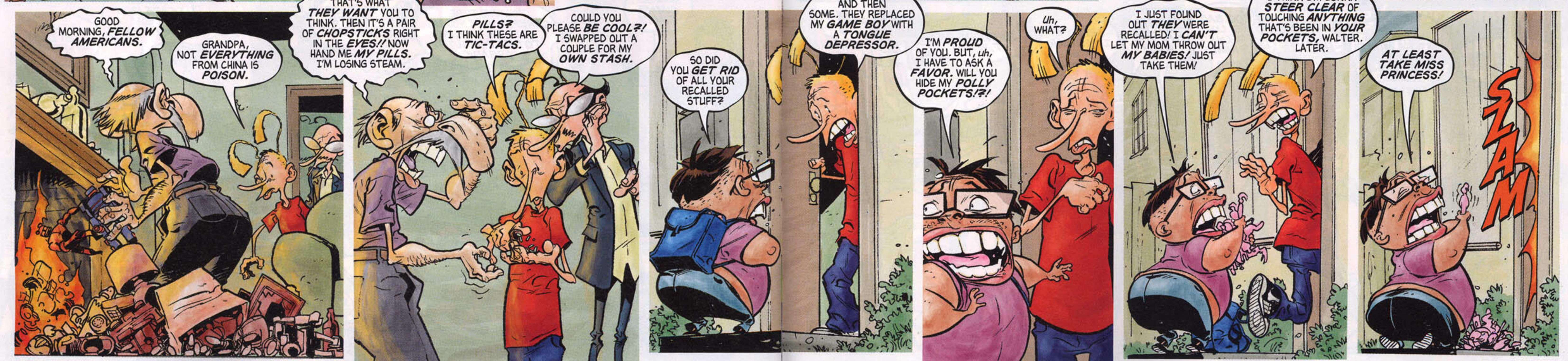
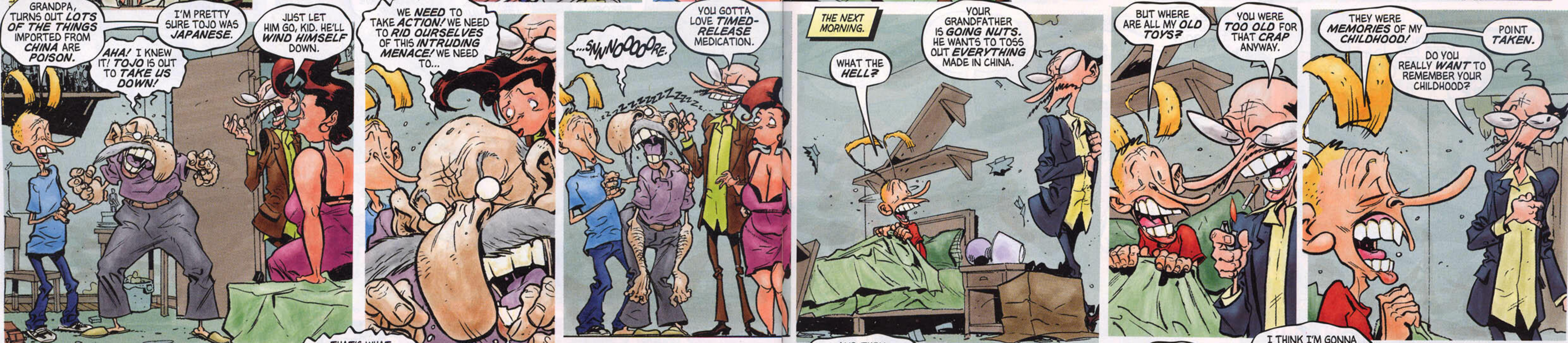
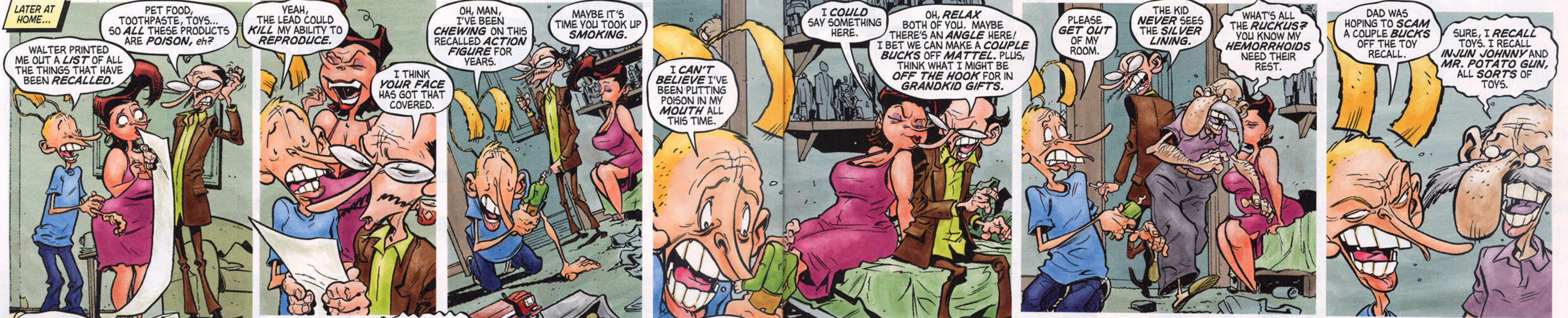
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series, uncut.

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND



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As long-time MAD readers are keenly aware, artist/writer John Caldwell has spent the last several years meticulously chronicling the fiendish deeds of various segments of our society who have turned to the dark side. Priests, circus clowns, even tattoo artists have all been exposed to the unfiltered and unflinching sunlight that is Caldwell's razor observational wit and sharp pen. But alas, his work is far from done, as you'll see. Here's the skinny on...

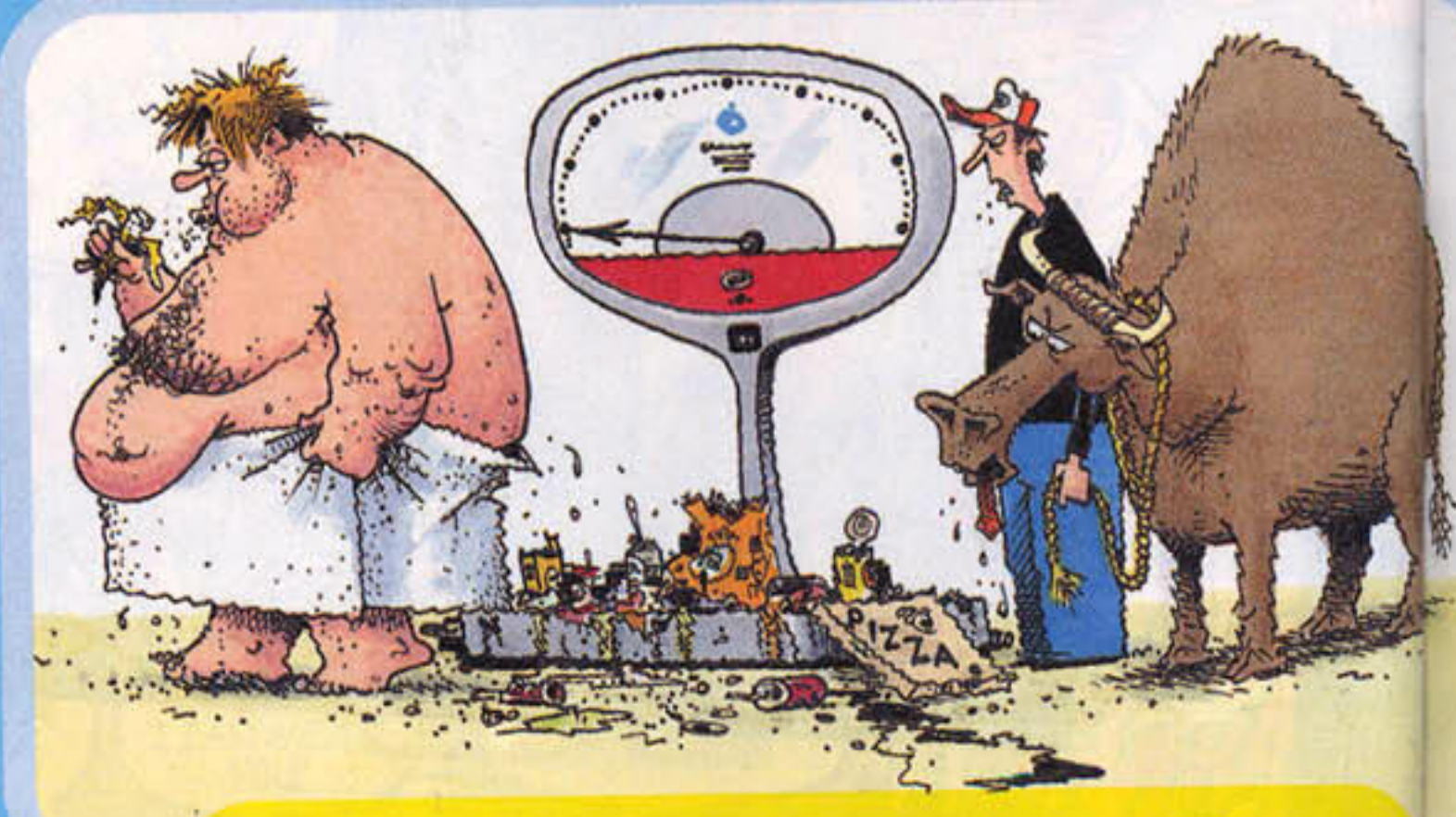
JOHN CALDWELL'S WHEN THE MORBIDLY GO THE OBESE BAD



They revel in humiliating those poor "guess your weight" schmucks at the county fair



They make huge eBay bids on potato chips and toast slices that feature "images" of the Blessed Virgin, just so they can eat them



They leave the livestock scale in such disgusting condition that nobody else can use it



They refuse to look into the deep crevices of their being when small children go missing



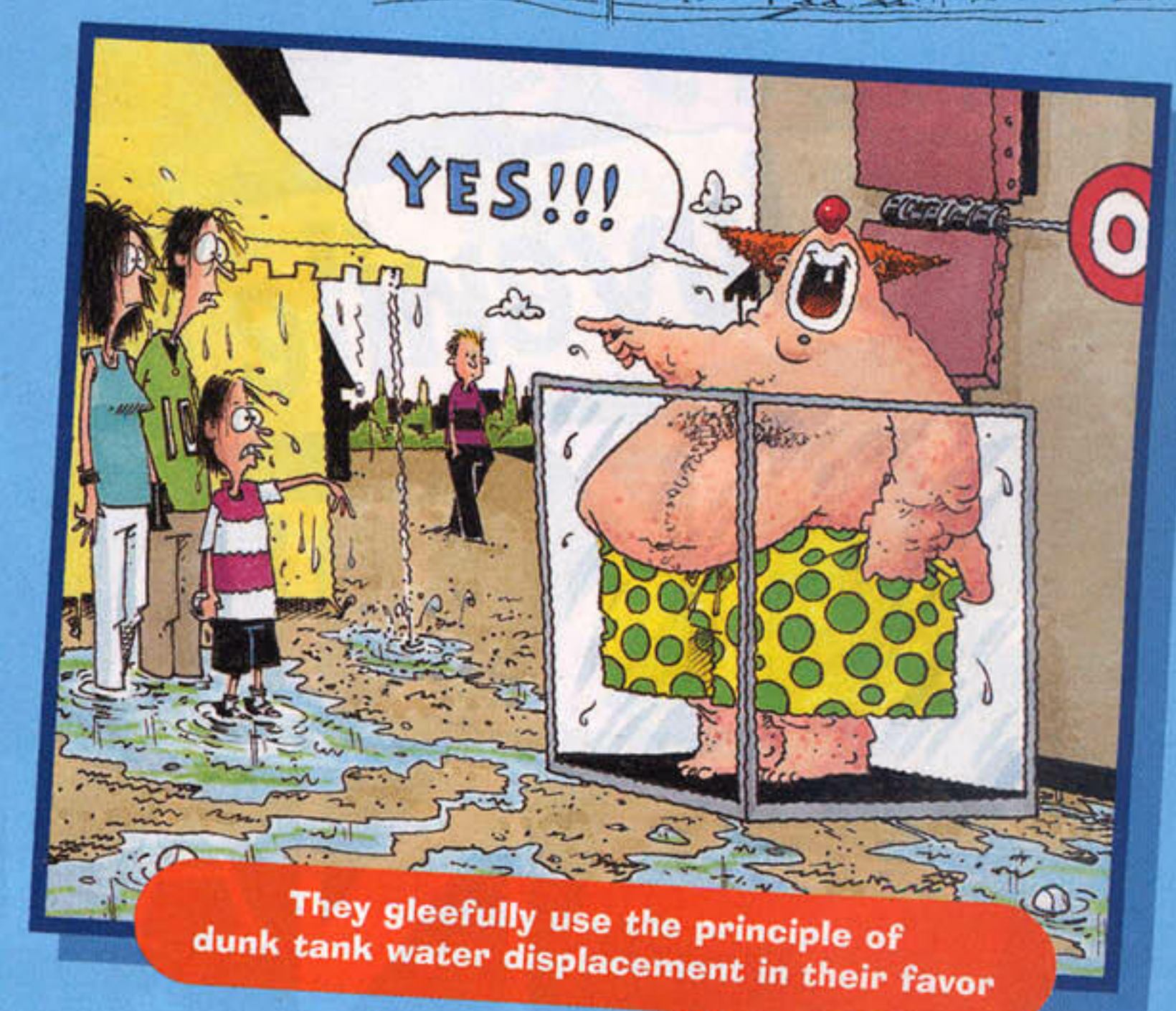
They change their will, ditching the traditional piano crate burial in favor of a mega-pollution spewing half-ton cremation



They ruthlessly exploit cheap foreign labor to bathe the parts Americans just won't touch



They stiff the poor sap forklift operator who hauls their fat sorry ass out of their apartment every time the overstressed heart monitor goes off



They gleefully use the principle of dunk tank water displacement in their favor



They unfairly hassle the drycleaner for not getting the pet stains out of their trousers



They have no qualms accepting bribe money to throw sumo matches



To the utter and complete dismay of their long-suffering Mrs., they always insist on the missionary position

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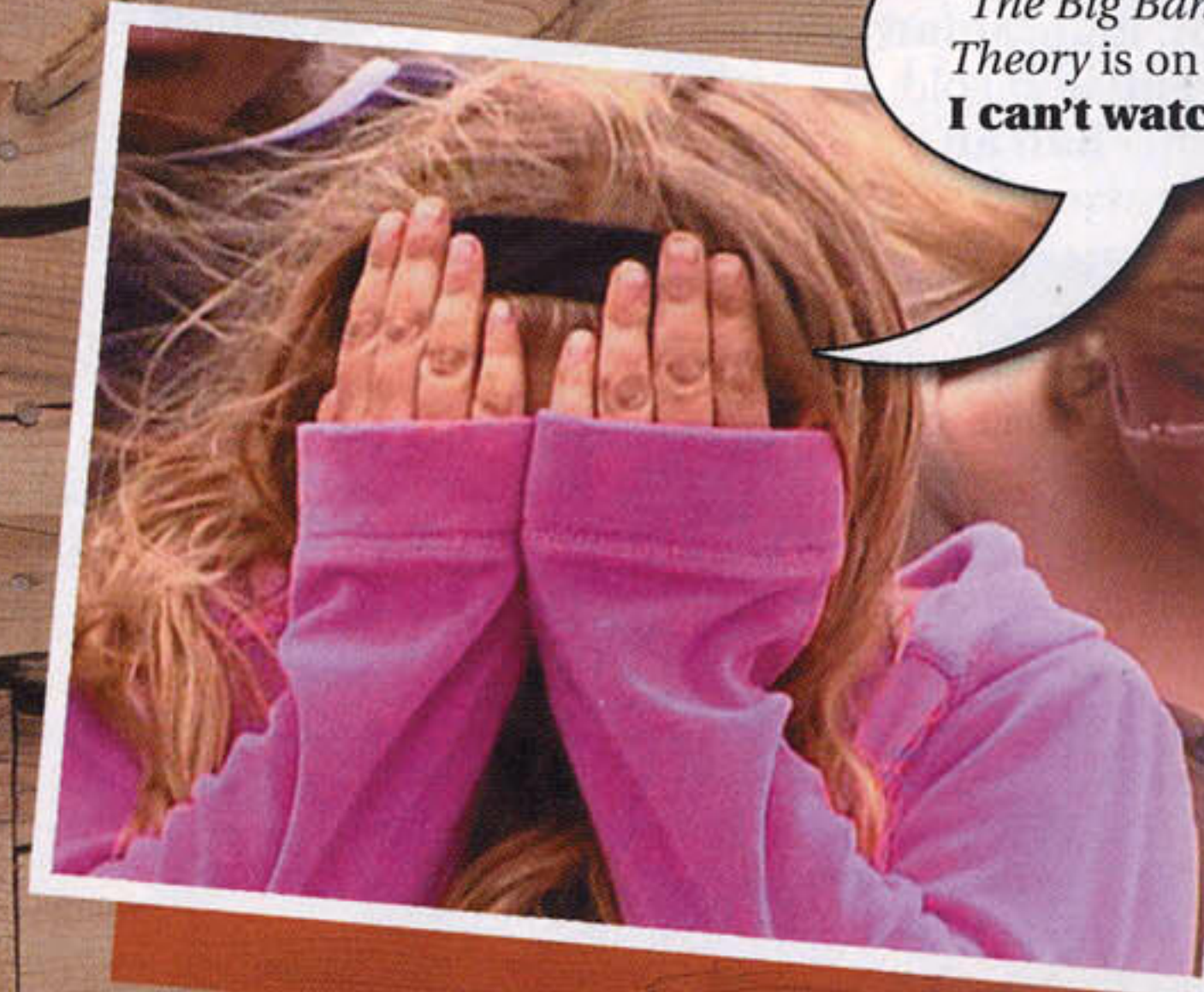
Outtakes



Now I see why Mommy starts **doing this** as soon as Daddy leaves for work **every morning!**



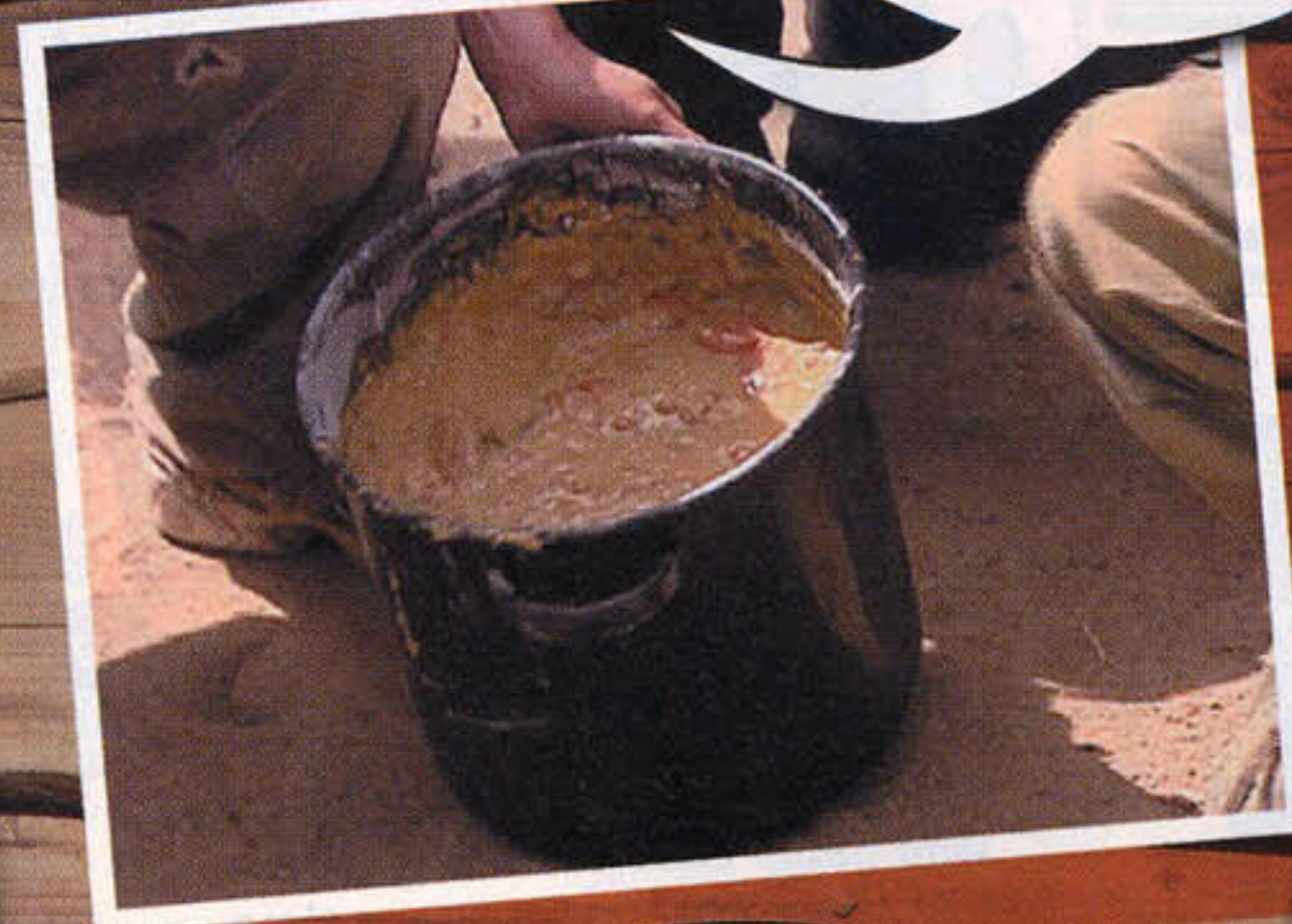
Crap! Still nowhere near enough for a **bus ticket** out of this **Helltown!**



Ugh — The Big Bang Theory is on — **I can't watch!**

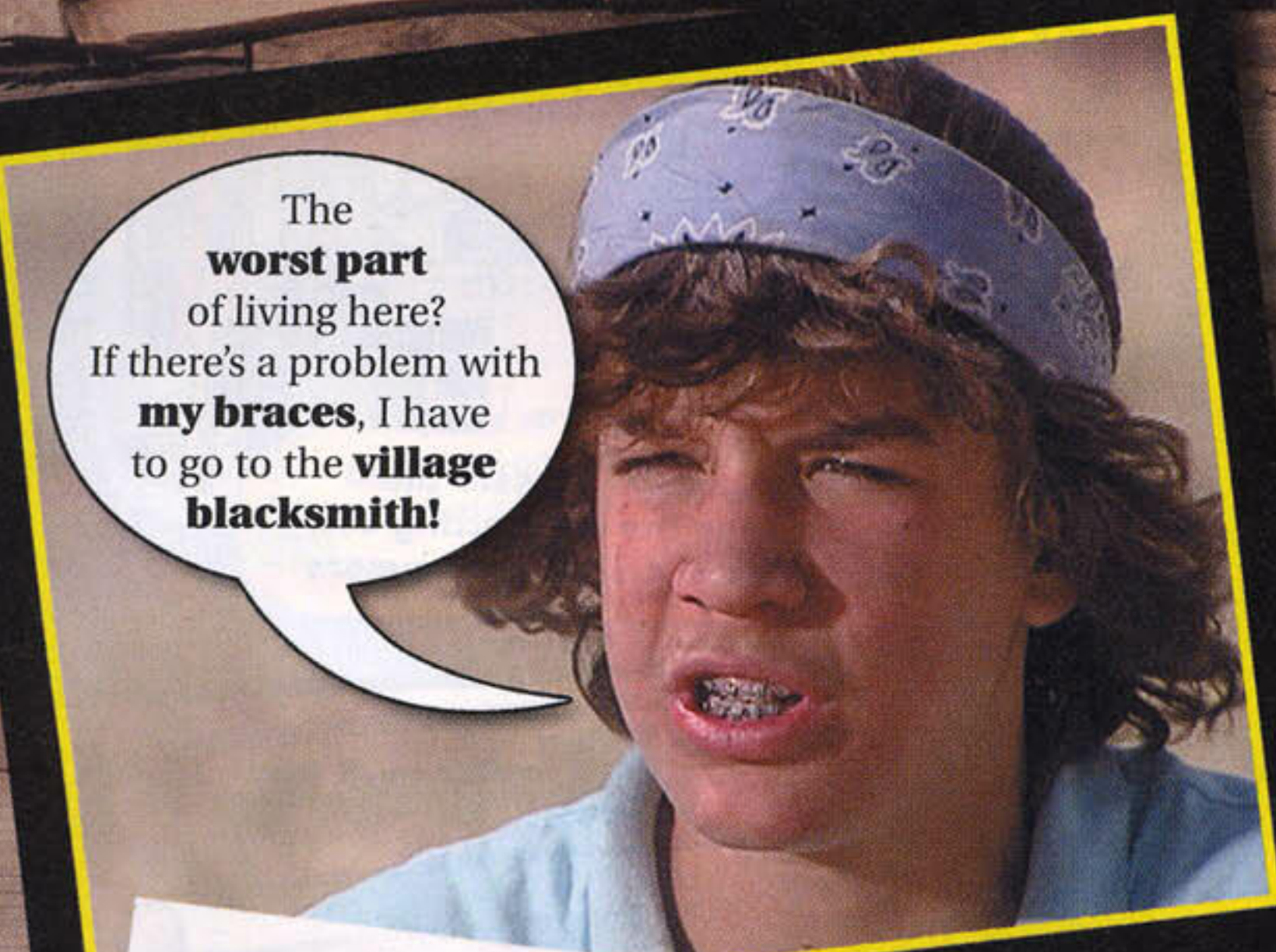
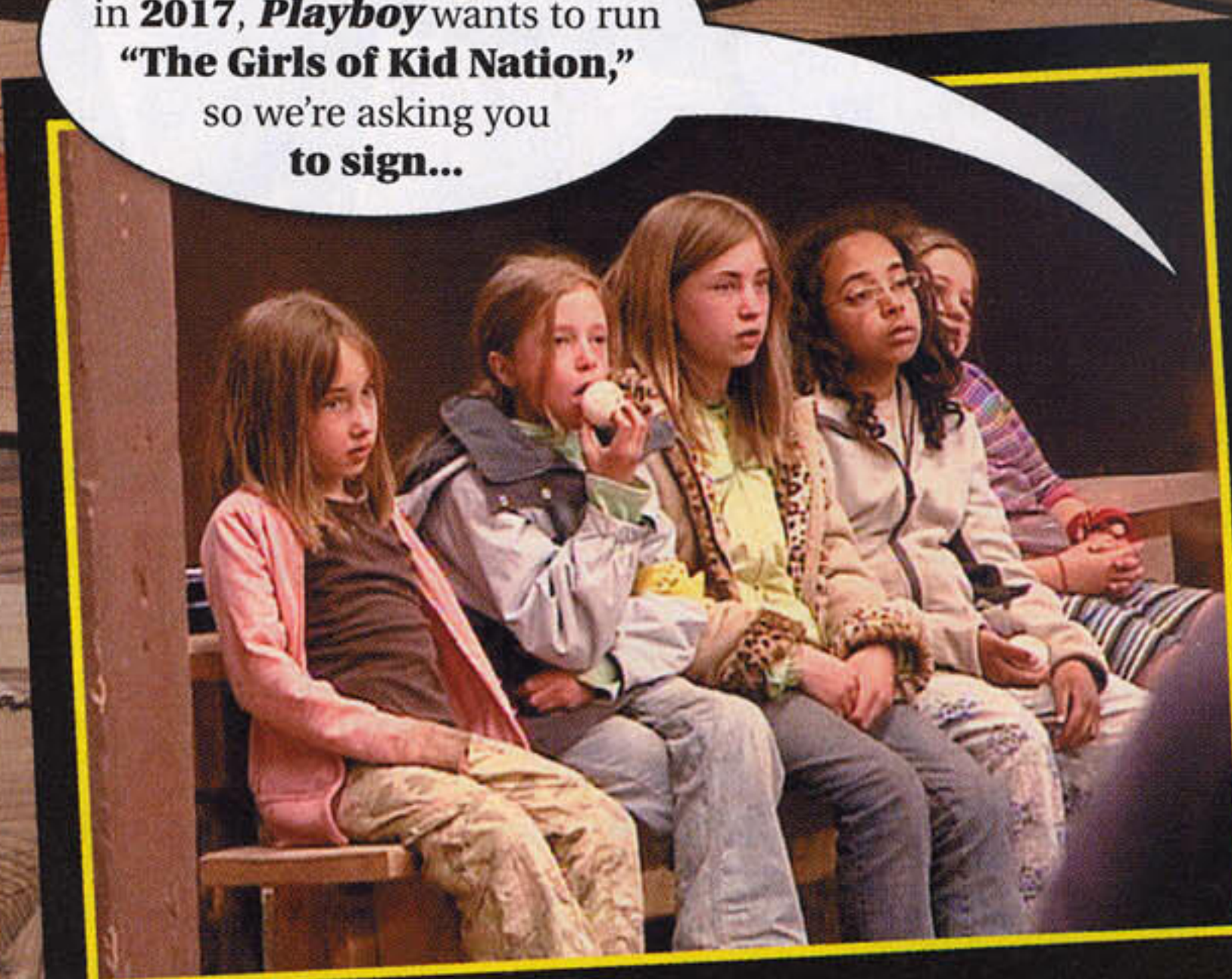


All right, whose **turn** is it to **bury the dead?**



That settles it — we **GOTTA** invent **indoor plumbing!**

So here's **the deal:** in 2017, **Playboy** wants to run "**The Girls of Kid Nation,**" so we're asking you to **sign...**



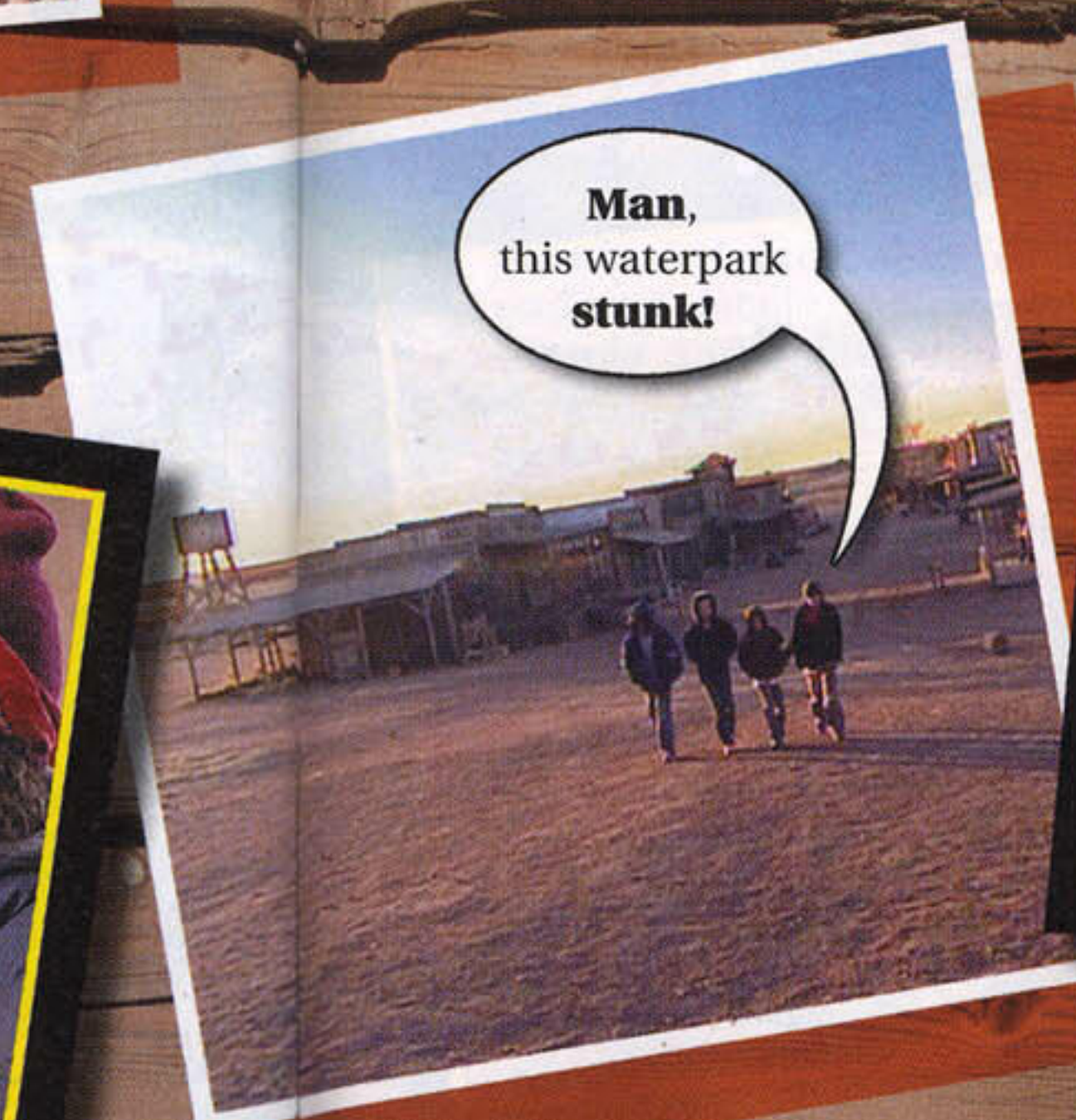
The **worst part** of living here? If there's a problem with **my braces**, I have to go to the **village blacksmith!**



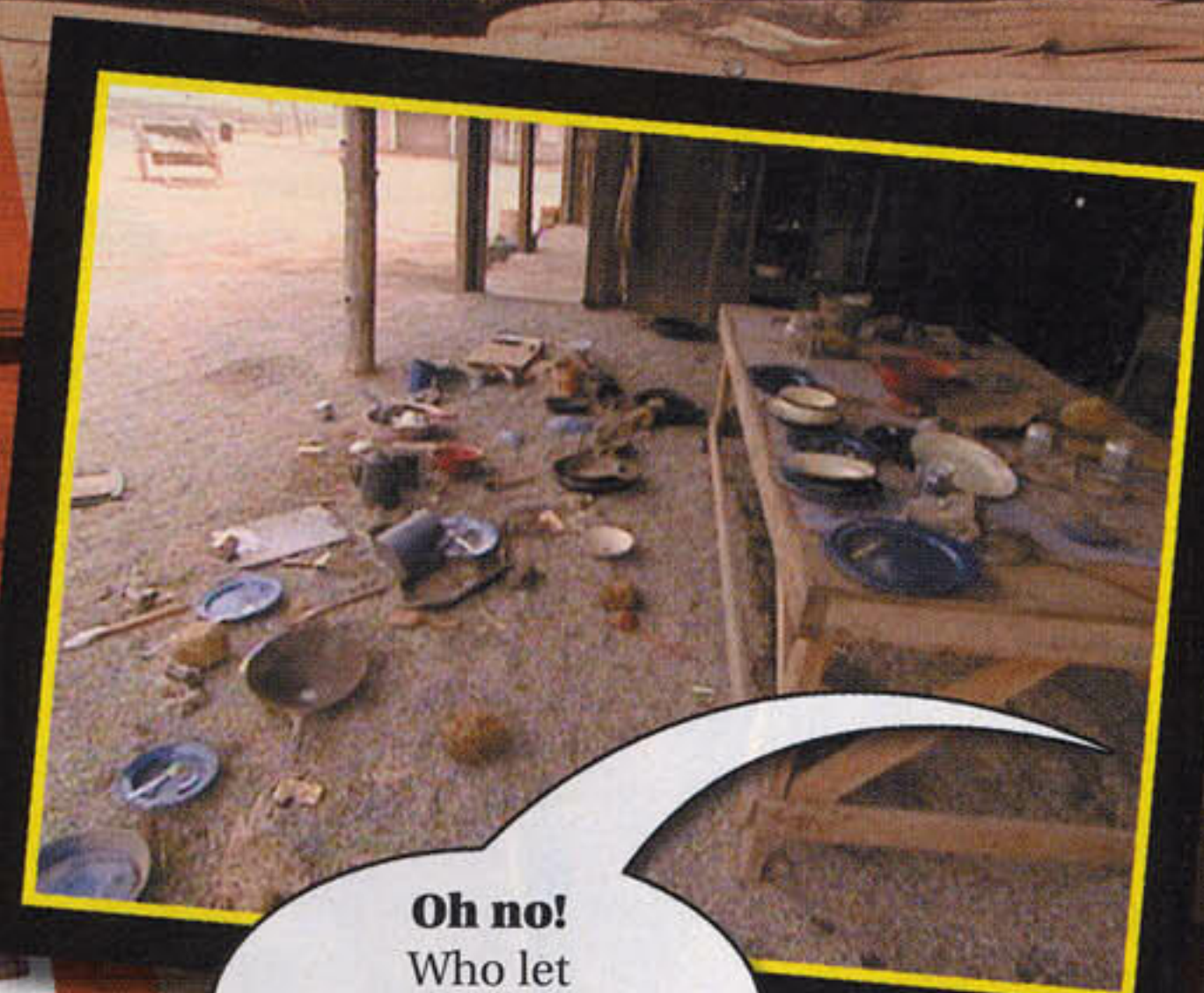
I can't **believe** the council's **punishment** for stealing was to **cut my hand off!**



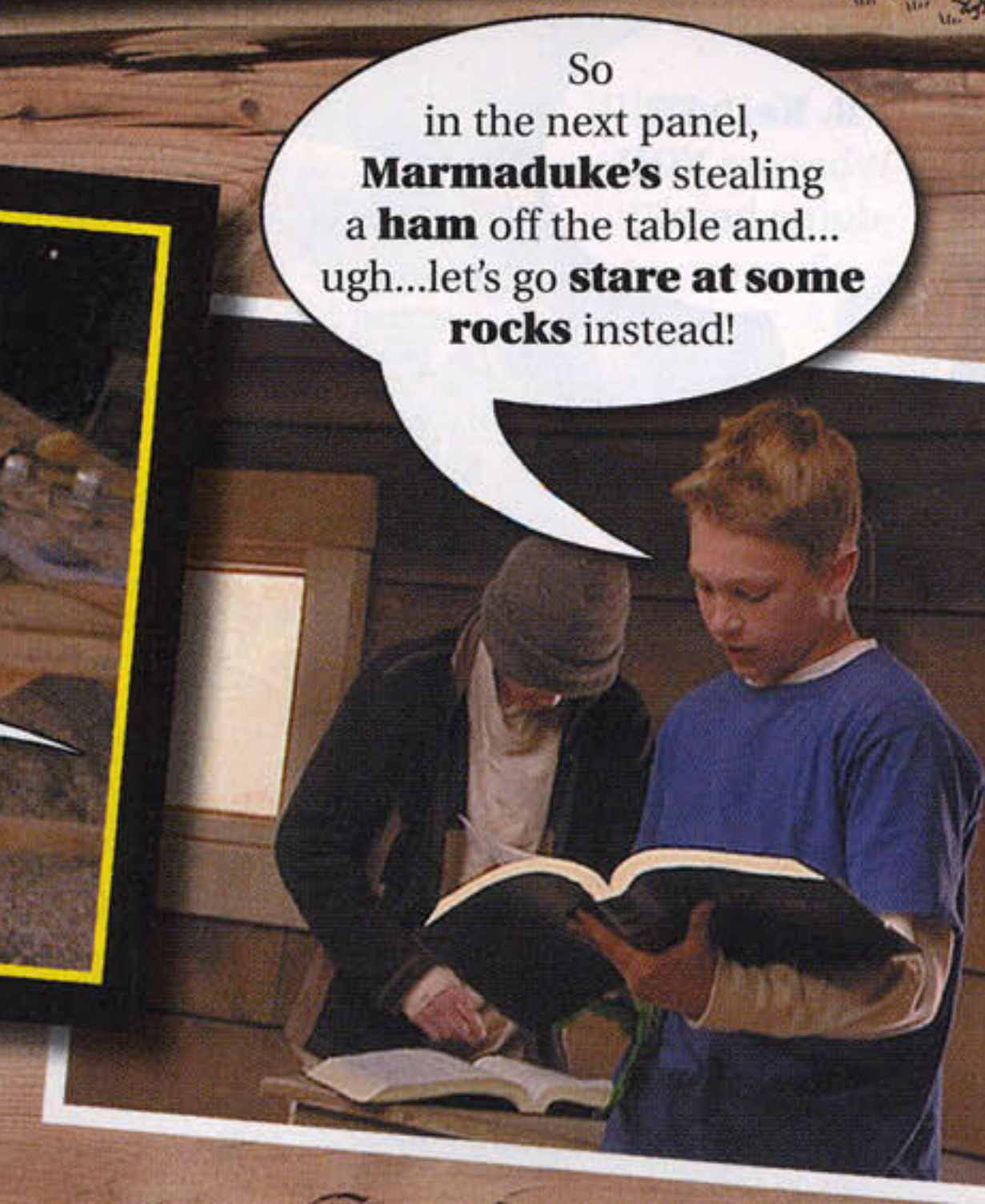
The **pioneers** are writing about how **food supplies** ran low. Do you guys know what "**cannibalism**" means?



Man, this waterpark **stunk!**



Oh no! Who let **Rosie O'Donnell** into the mess hall?



So in the next panel, **Marmaduke's** stealing a **ham** off the table and... ugh...let's go **stare at some rocks** instead!